

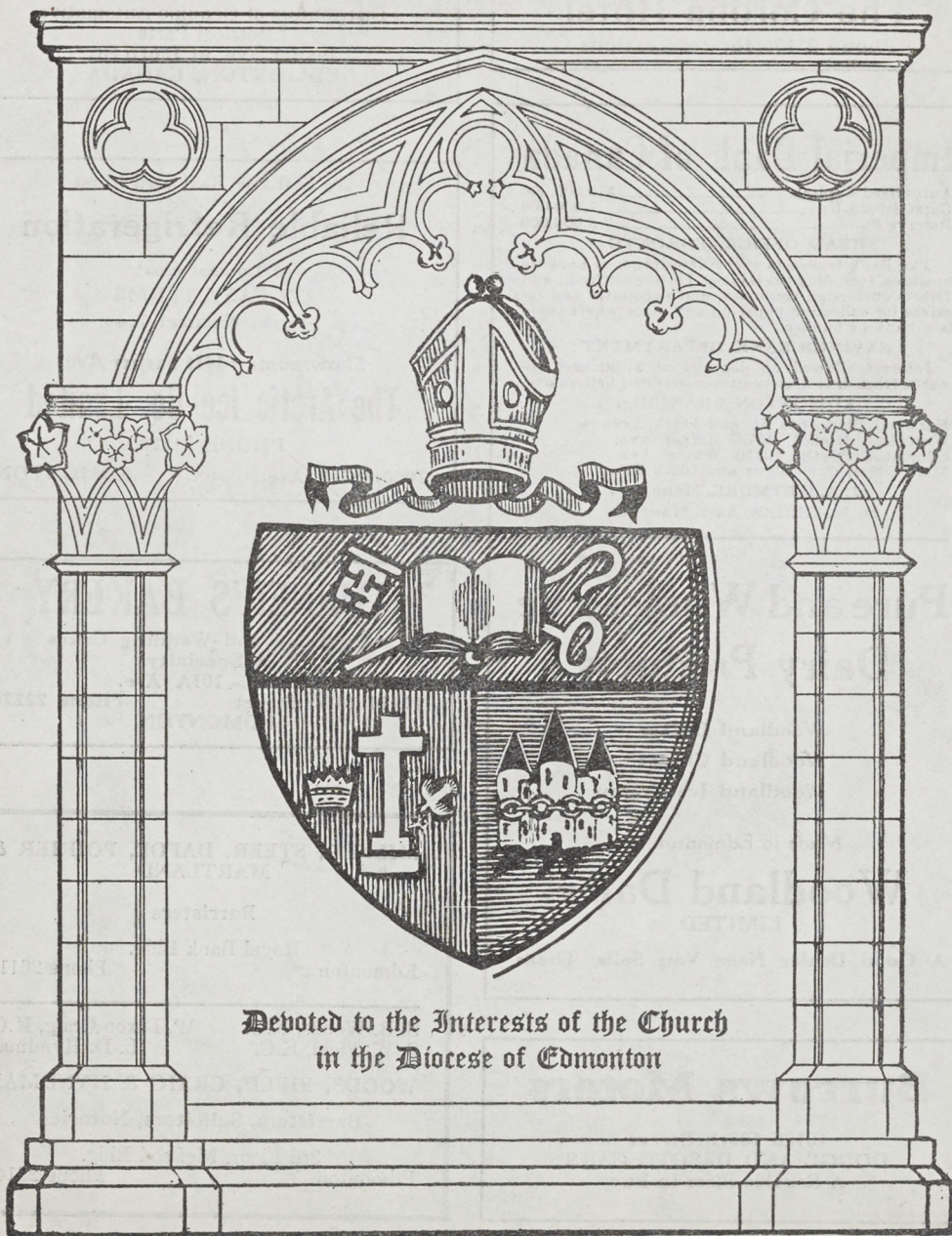
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Editorial

THE CHRISTIAN FIGHT

SOMETIMES, one receives things that are just too good to keep to oneself. One simply must share them with others. Such a thing came to me the other day, in the form of a word of good cheer at the end of a letter. This very kind letter finished with these words:

"At this moment there has come to mind a message once sent to me by that great overseas veteran, Bishop Neville Talbot. He once ended a letter to me with the words 'Keep a stout heart and put a pinch of ginger in your tea'."

Such a message as this comes with particular force at the beginning of Lent, which is the season when we gird ourselves with special vigor for the spiritual fight with the world, the flesh and the devil.

As Christians, we are called to a holy war. We are called to a fight to the death with everything that is nasty and vicious and cruel and false. We have been named "Christ's soldier and servant," and are pledged to be faithful in the fight unto our life's end.

Lent is the season of intensive training for the Christian soldier. It is the season to take heart. Indeed we should realize that the Christian fight is not for cowards in spirit; it is for brave, stalwart hearts, who dare to enlist in the ranks of the spiritually adventurous.

There are times when we must steel ourselves to the struggle. The inroads of sin become so great that only much watching and prayer will keep the stronghold of our soul. That is the fight within against those spirit forces of sin that assault and hurt the soul—the nasty ideas, the vicious jealousies, the false thoughts, the cruel temper.

Then there is the fight without against those things in the world the existence of which no Christian should tolerate—nastiness in moral life, cruelties and injustices in social and economic life, the madness that threatens to plunge the nations of the world into another great war. Who can fight against these things with the confidence of victory, except only the Christian?

So we are engaged in a war on two fronts. There is the front of the soul, where sin is very strong. And there is the front of the world, where the madness of sin is everywhere working for destruction.

Sometimes we feel very weak for the fight. But we should not. They that be with us are more than they that be with the enemy.

So during Lent, should every Christian man and woman take time to be holy. May every reader of these words use this season to whet the sword of the spirit. Or, to go back to the metaphor of Bishop Talbot, may each "Keep a stout heart and put a pinch of ginger in his tea," and thus fortified, fight with renewed vigor the war of the Kingdom of God—in the soul and in the world.

P. J. DISNEY.

The Page Pulpit

THE REV. W. DEV. A. HUNT, Mayerthorpe

THE GREAT ALTERNATIVE

Mark 8:36—What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?

"To every man there openeth a way."

Two men stood together on the highlands of Judea overlooking the fertile plain of Jordan: the one, generous and high souled, intent only on following the voice which had called him years previously from the luxury of Ur to these wild mountainous regions; the other intent upon his own selfish interests, secretly scornful perhaps of his uncle's generosity in allowing him to choose out a future home from the best of the land. For these two had come to the parting of the ways. The hill country could no longer afford sustenance for the flocks and herds of these nomad patriarchs, and "there was strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle."

Abram was a lover of peace. If he could avoid it there should be no strife between him and his nephew. Let his nephew choose where he would dwell, and then let them separate. Below them lay the basin of the Jordan with its splendid cities and green pasture land. What a contrast it presented to the bleak mountain side cropped by the sheep and goats of the combined flocks until scarcely a vestige of green appeared.

"The High Way or the Low."

Eagerly Lot choose the plain and descended, leaving Abram on the height; for Lot, like most of the children of this world was, in his day and generation, wiser than the children of light. Yet God was with Abram, for Abram had left Ur with all its luxury, its vice and idolatry to seek for a true revelation of the Almighty. Lot, on his part, never paused to consider the influences to which he was subjecting himself when he went down into the valley amongst the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. The possibility of losing his own soul and destroying the souls of his family and of his retainers weighed as nothing against the opportunity of increasing his wealth of flocks and herds.

Thus Lot, with all that he possessed, came and dwelt in the plain of Jordan, a wealthy sheik intent on gaining still further wealth. He mingled freely with the inhabitants of the great cities whose wickedness had even then sealed their doom. Deep down in the ground the fires of God's vengeance were already straining to bursting point the frail barriers of rock and earth beneath the feet of those whose lives were dedicated to do evil. Only at the last moment, awakened by God's mercy, did Lot flee before the devastating earthquake; a ruined, broken man accompanied by his two daughters. From the heights, whence with Abram he had once looked with greedy eyes upon a fair and fertile valley, he now saw "the smoke of the country going up as the smoke of a furnace." He had sought to gain a world and had come perilously close to losing his soul.

"The Way His soul shall go."

Century after century had rolled by since God's "frightful judgment on human sin for ever blasted and unhallowed the shores of the Dead Sea." During those centuries God had been preparing the hearts and minds of his people, the seed of Abram, for a full revelation of Himself. Yet only through man could man hope to know God: and now that man, Jesus, stood, on the eve of his mission, looking from the highlands of Judea over the land promised long years ago by his Father to Abram, and looking beyond that land to the blue waters of the Mediterranean, around whose shores lay "all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them." These he had come to win, and they lay within his power. A gesture, an obeisance and they were his, delivered to him by Satan. The temptation was real, terrible in its intensity; for Satan's gifts are fair as the plain of Jordan which so nearly lured Lot, to utter destruction. And the alternative to Satan's gift was a rough, splintered cross and long iron nails for feet and hands; the derisive howling of a pitiless mob mocking a tortured, bleeding man; the knowledge of utter loneliness and undeserved suffering; the awful burden of human sin pressing its intolerable weight upon a soul of sinless purity. To gain the whole world! Since the time of Lot until this present day men have bargained with Satan, and have tasted the sweetness of possession only to find that sweetness turn at last to ashes in the mouth, as they have seen the smoke of the country they thought to win going up like the smoke of a furnace.

But Jesus put aside the fair vision of an easy victory, and turned his steps towards the steep, forbidding mountain of conquest which only Love can climb—Love which rejects the weapons of this world and is by this world scorned and despised. Near the mountain top, exposed to the full blast of the world's cruelty and malice, lies Calvary; but beyond Calvary is one further height, the Mount of the Ascension; and from that height there descends to struggling humanity the power of the Holy Spirit to strengthen those who reject the subtle lures of Satan and choose to follow Jesus in their climb up the slopes whereon, for all eternity, are visible the marks of the footsteps of the Son of God.

THE WAYS

To every man there openeth
A Way, and Ways, and a Way.
And the High Soul climbs the High Way.
And the Low Soul gropes the Low.
And in between, on the misty flats
The rest drift to and fro.
But to every man there openeth
A High Way and a Low.
And every man decideth
The Way his soul shall go.

JOHN OXENHAM.

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BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS

On Sunday, March 6th, at 11.00 a.m., the Lord Bishop of Edmonton, the Rt. Rev. A. E. Burgett, M.A., D.D., will induct the Rev. T. E. Rowe, D.D., as Rector of the Parish of All Saints', Edmonton, in All Saints' Parish Church.

On the Editor's Table

The Gospel of Reconciliation

Dr. Laird, President of the World Alliance of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, was invited by the Rt. Rev. L. R. Sherman to address the 27th Synod of the Diocese of Calgary, held in February. In the course of his address he said.

"We hold the Church of England in great esteem throughout the world and I make a plea for better understanding between the churches. The time is ripe for the United Church of Canada and the Church of England to come to reasonable terms of understanding one with another. Gentlemen and Brethren, may I say to you that to us is committed the gospel of reconciliation. There is no task on our shoulders greater than the sovereign task of reconciling men to God and reconciling them one to another.

"I know that some differences cut deep but above those differences is our unfailing allegiance to Jesus Christ in which we are united."

The South India Scheme

Bishop Palmer of Bombay, stated at the Edinburgh Conference, "The United Church in South India is going over the top. We are the first wave of attack and if others do not follow we shall die. If they do follow we shall live and live forever to serve God."

As most of our readers know the South India Scheme is an experiment in Union amongst the Denominational Churches in the Mission Field. The Revival in Religion in India demands of the Christian Churches that they prepare themselves to present an adequate gospel. A denominational presentation is not going to satisfy the deep needs of converts.

From the Synod of Calgary M.S.C.C. Appointment

The following resolution was put before the Synod at its last session. "The Annual Diocesan Budget system be changed to one in which the assessment be an amount for diocesan expenses obligatory on

the parishes, and that amounts for the M.S.C.C. and other missionary work be a voluntary apportionment on the parishes." This would certainly give the whole matter a better sense of proportion, besides being closer to the spiritual principle of giving "willingly" for the extension of Christ's Kingdom. There is no spontaneity of appeal or response under a budget system. We need missionary campaigns.

Evening Prayer

The service of Evening Prayer presents a problem to many, especially in city churches. Alternative forms of evening prayer; greater variety of canticles; of prayers and responses; the avoidance of portions that have already been used at Morning Prayer and the need of other prayers and responses for particular occasions were among the suggestions embodied in a memorial to the General Synod.

The Diction of the Clergy

"Mr. Bernard Shaw has passed a handsome compliment to the Church. Referring to the slovenly speech on the stage, he says that, in this respect, the Church has vastly reformed in the last fifty years. Some of the best broadcasters including the two Archbishops, are Churchmen, and the clergy are now few who, to quote Mr. Shaw, do not know the difference between a 'collect and a gargle.' Mr. Shaw's commendation should be accepted with pleasure, but not with over satisfaction. We fear, indeed, that clerical elocution still stands in need of considerable improvement, and not many clergymen can equal the Primate in clearness of his enunciation, any more than they can equal him in grace and clarity of phrase. But today it is not slovenly speech in the pulpit so much as inaudibility at the altar which perplexes and offends the worshippers."—(The Church Times.)

Dirty Rags

"This luxury is loathsome—the world is clothed in filthy rags. We want a spiritual bath and a change of underclothes. Some of us wear fancy waistcoats, but all our shirts are dirty while this vile poverty exists. The essence of poverty as of everything else, is spiritual. There was a famine in the soul of the Prodigal Son before he went into the fields to feed swine and there was a famine in the soul of Europe, before we heard her million hungry children cry for bread. The Prodigal did not change his state when he drank swill instead of wine. He only realized it." Ruskin uses less picturesque language than Studdert

Kennedy, but he expresses the same thought when he asks, "Consider whether, even supposing it to be guiltless, luxury would be desired by any of us, if we saw clearly at our sides the suffering which accompanies it in the world. Luxury at present can only be enjoyed by the ignorant; the cruelest man living could not sit at his feast, unless he sat blindfold."

The Churches' function here is to remedy the spiritual poverty first, "writing the laws of God on the fleshy tables of the human heart as against the writing of human laws on the paper leaves of a statute book." Both are necessary. The Church must speak plainly on these matters.

The Very Rev. C. S. Quainton

The passing of a Man of God and a great servant of the Church does not leave us unmoved. The Dean of Victoria Cathedral was well known to many in Edmonton and the deep impression he made on the lives of some is still acknowledged. Whilst fully aware of "unchurchy" things in the Oxford Group he gave it his wholehearted support "because" he said, "he felt it to be of God, and could not adopt the attitude of benevolent neutrality."

His service in Christ's cause has enriched the lives of many and brought them into the Kingdom of God.

"And soul by soul and silently its shining bounds increase."

"His Servants shall do Him service and they shall see his face."

Diocesan News

DIOCESAN ANNUAL

The 1938 edition of the Diocesan Annual is now off the press and is being sent to all clergy in the diocese; all subscribers to the Church Messenger, and others who are interested in the work of the Church. A limited number of extra copies are still available, and can be obtained free on application to the Business Manager, Mr. D. W. F. Richardson, 10060 104th Street, Edmonton, Alta.

HOLY MATRIMONY

Faulks—Kilshaw

The best wishes of the Church throughout the Diocese are extended to the Rev. R. S. Faulks and his bride, the former Miss Isobel Mary Kilshaw, who were united in the bonds of Holy Matrimony in Christ Church, Edmonton, on February 3rd.

The Marriage Service was taken by our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. A. E. Burgett, assisted by the Ven. F. C. Cornish, who gave a brief word of advice and friendly counsel at the conclusion of the service.

The Rev. R. S. Faulks is in charge of the parish of Clandonald, in the Vermilion Rural Deanery.

THE REV. ROSS SAGE

It will interest our readers to know that the Rev. Ross Sage who for some time was Rector in Vermilion, but went to take up Missionary work in South Africa, has now accepted the appointment of "Organizing Secretary for the Church Mission to the Jews" for the North of England and Scotland; headquarters being at Liverpool, England. His many friends will wish him continued success in his new field of endeavor.

SYNOD OFFICE

The annual printed leaflet giving budget and apportionments for the current year has been mailed to all the clergy and churchwardens, with a request from the Bishop, that the explanations be read to all congregations. The following is a quotation from these explanations and is given here for the benefit of our readers:

"It will be noticed that the apportionments have been raised this year. The reason is that the sum of \$1,500 is now required for General Synod Pension Fund this year, being an increase of \$590.00 over 1937. This is due to the fact that the revenue in 1937 was insufficient.

"The M.S.C.C. has increased their apportionment this year from \$2,370 as asked in 1937, to the sum of \$3,446 for 1938. This increase is due to the demand for increased grants for the western dioceses, including our own. These two increases account for the rise in apportionments."

At the forthcoming Synod there will be the usual notices of motion, dealing with amendments to the Canons of the Diocese; the latest to hand is one suggesting a revision of the Canon on Social Service and all interested are asked to read the present Canon and be prepared to make suggestions for its revision. The feeling in regard to this Canon is that it does not cover the work that is being done by the Social Service Council today.

The congregation of St. Luke's Church Edmonton, are contemplating the sale of the present vicarage and building a new one on the Church grounds. This would be much more convenient for the Vicar.

The people of Irwinville in the mission of Clandonald are also contemplating the erection of a new church.

All City of Edmonton debentures held by the Diocese have now been exchanged for new ones under the "Fortin Plan."

The Pension Fund Committee held its monthly session on February 16th and presented its report to the Executive Committee on the following day. This report along with the Auditor's annual statement and the Secretary-Treasurer's statement for January were all received.

A resolution expressing regret at the severance of relations between the Executive Committee and the Rev. Canon E. Pierce-Goulding was unanimously passed at its last meeting. The Committee offered its best wishes to Canon and Mrs. E. Pierce-Goulding for a happy and successful future in their new sphere of labor.

F. C. CORNISH,
Secretary-Treasurer.

COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

Clothing, clothing and more clothing. This is the urgent need of the Relief Committee of the Social Service Council.

Appeals for assistance usually strain the resources of the Committee during the early months of winter, but this year there has not been any decrease in the number of appeals for assistance right through the winter and requests for clothing of all kinds for men, women and children are still coming in, while the clothing racks and underwear shelves in the stock rooms contain only a small part of the necessary assortment to meet the urgent demands.

The Council is fully appreciative of every

donation of clothing sent in, whether large or small, and once again would ask our friends to look through their wardrobes and cupboards to see if they have anything that they can pass along for the use of others.

In cases where it is not convenient for parcels to be left at the Relief Headquarters, St. Catherines Residence, a phone call to No. 24531 will result in prompt collection.

A number of bags are available for the use of those who would care to have them in their homes for convenient setting aside of items for the use of the Relief Department. These will be sent out on request.

DIOCESAN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Twenty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

**All Saints' Pro-Cathedral and Parish Hall
March 16th to 18th, 1938**

Wednesday, March 16th

- 9.30 a.m.—Corporate Communion—
Celebrant—RT. REV. A. E. BURGETT
Preacher—RT. REV. A. L. FLEMING
11.00 a.m.—Welcome from the Rector, the Rev.
T. E. Rowe, D.D.
12.30 p.m.—Luncheon at Corona Hotel.
2.00 p.m.—President's Address. Nominations.
3.00 p.m.—Bishop's Hour.
6.00 p.m.—Girls' Supper. Speaker—MISS SUSIE
KELSEY B.A., R.N., of China.

Wednesday Evening at 8.15 p.m. in All Saints' Parish Hall

MASS MISSIONARY MEETING and

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Chairman—RT. REV. A. E. BURGETT, Bishop of
Edmonton.
Speaker—RT. REV. A. L. FLEMING, Bishop of the
Arctic.

Thursday, March 17th

- 10.00 a.m.—Reports. Voting of Funds.
12.00—Noontide Service. RT. REV. A. L. FLEMING
1.00 p.m.—Luncheon, All Saint's Parish Hall.
2.00 p.m.—Announcement of Election of Officers.
Reports.
3.00 p.m.—Address. MISS SUSIE KELSEY, B.A.,
R.N., of China.
4.30 p.m.—Conference of Life Members.

Thursday Evening at 8.00 p.m. in the Salvation Army Citadel

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

Speaker—THE RT. REV. A. L. FLEMING

Friday, March 18th

- 9.30 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion.
10.00 a.m.—Correspondence. Announcements.
Reports.
12.15 p.m.—Organ Recital in All Saints' Cathedral.
Organist—MR. VERNON BARFORD.
Soloist—MISS VIOLET BROWN.
1.00 p.m.—Luncheon, All Saints' Parish Hall.
2.00 p.m.—Question Box. New Business.
Closing Prayers—THE LORD BISHOP OF
EDMONTON.

THE ANGLICAN YOUNG PEOPLES' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL RALLY AND CONFERENCE

On Saturday and Sunday, October 19th and 20th the annual rally and conference of the A.Y.P.A. was held in All Saints' Parish Hall. The registration was a record one with many country points represented, Edson having the largest delegation and Wainwright, Ponoka, Ledue, Brightview, Grande Prairie following close behind.

The A.Y.P.A. was sorry to learn of the death of the Hon. W. L. Walsh who was, for many years, our honorary president. His unflinching interest in the affairs of the young people of this diocese and his ready wit and charm endeared him to all of us and our sympathy goes out to his bereaved family.

Saturday afternoon was devoted to group discussions, with three leaders taking different topics for the consideration of the members present. We were glad to have with us the Rev. A. Harding Priest, Western Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E., who led discussion on programmes. The Rev. G. P. Gower discussed the relationship of the young people to the Church and Mr. Ted Cook took the relationship of our association to that of other young peoples' organizations.

The Corona Hotel was the centre of attraction in the evening when one hundred and ninety sat down to the banquet. The Rev. Harding Priest was the guest speaker and stressed the importance of young people having the same spirit of self-sacrifice and perseverance in their quests of life as was shown by the early pioneers. Most of the geographical conquests had already been made and young people today must turn to the spiritual side of life and seek greater conquests for personality there.

The Bishop was represented by Rev. Dr. Rowe, who responded to the toast to the "Church" which was proposed by Jennie Jones of the Church of the Good Shepherd branch. Messages of regret at not being able to attend were received from the Honorary Vice-President, Ven. Archdeacon Cornish, from Capt. W. R. Baker, Chairman of the D.B.R.E., and our Honorary President, Hon. Mr. Justice Ford. Mr. Art Potter, in responding to the toast to our "Association" which was proposed by Mr. Jack Hamshaw, read a message from our beloved Honorary Chaplain, Bishop H. A. Gray, who, although residing in England, always remembers the Association he did so much to start and the young people of the Edmonton Diocese for whom he did so much. Mr. Potter also had a message from the Dominion Council A.Y.P.A. of which he is Vice-President for Ruperts Land. The chairman of the evening, Mr. Don Sims, presented our immediate past president, Mr. Art Potter, with his past-president's pin. His services to the Diocese for the past ten years have been outstanding and all present were happy to see him receive this little token of esteem from those who have had the pleasure of working with him so long.

Dr. Rowe presented the Bishop Burgett Cup for Dramatics to Miss Compston of All Saints' branch for having won the first place in the Dramatic Competition held recently. Miss Winifred Marshall presented her cup for the best individual man's performance to Mr. T. Butler and Canon Clough presented his cup for the best individual lady's performance to Miss Betty Loggin of Ledue.

The Canon Pierce-Goulding Cup for public speaking was won by Mr. Ted Cook. The banquet

closed with the blessing from our Chaplain, Rev. W. Elkin.

On Sunday morning a Corporate Communion Service was attended by one hundred thirty-five delegates and at Morning Prayer Dr. Rowe gave us an inspiring message. He took as his text "Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth," and stressed the point that only in our youth could we give all of ourselves, with our enthusiasm, our health and our strength to God.

Sunday afternoon session brought forth some lively debates and some of the resolutions were:

1. That an effort be made to secure material from the Dominion Council for Junior branches.
2. That all branches be urged to spend some money on securing programme material.
3. That a closer connection be established between ourselves and the Canadian Youth Council, and that more information about their programme be secured.

4. That the findings from Rev. G. P. Gower's discussion groups be referred to a future council meeting for immediate action.

5. That we urge the C.B.C. to return to the air Canon Martin's Vesper Hour.

A resolution to boycott Japanese goods was defeated.

Rev. S. F. Tackaberry urged the using of the Dominion Council's leadership training course.

The conference was closed by Rev. Harding Priest who gave an inspiring address on "Discipleship."

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The Executive Committee of the A.Y.P.A. met on Friday, February 25th, and are offering the following suggestions for Lenten programmes.

That three joint meetings be held during Lent, when subjects will be discussed which have a definite bearing on the lives and work of our members.

That branches study some religious book during Lent or take church problems and discuss them. This should be done with the help and advice of the Rector.

That Corporate Communions, followed by breakfast, be held as often as possible and that a real attempt be made to attend all services, including mid-week services during Lent.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

On March 25th the Church keeps the feast day of the Annunciation of Our Lady, the Blessed Virgin Mary. From many quarters the ideals of marriage and responsible motherhood are being assailed today. It is a reflection on those who profess to teach a better view of Sex and Parenthood than the Christian Church that they have produced not a better morality or a higher view of chastity but a mode of thought that is neither moral nor immoral. It has no morality about it at all. Chastity is not considered the best gift that one can bring to marriage, and fidelity within the marriage bond is regarded as a repudiation of the so-called emancipation from stuffy Victorian ideals.

The Church would do well to make more of its opportunity to enhance the ideals of Virginity and the Vocation of Motherhood. There are some who think that it should speak very plainly to its young people about their future responsibilities as parents and one wonders why the Church has not equipped itself better to speak the understanding word on the highest prerogative granted to man and woman.

The Gospel for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary brings before us an ideal of unsurpassed beauty and holiness. A Virgin is blessed among women and brings forth a Son and God is with her. All mothers enter into the meaning of those lovely words.

It is to uphold these ideals of purity and holiness in family life that the Mothers' Union was formed. Its membership all over the world is over half a million. By prayer and study, and above all by example, these mothers seek to preserve the Christian Marriage and the Christian Home as God's way for Society. A Branch has been formed in Edmonton and anyone desiring further information should communicate with Mrs. R. Wood, 10638 80th Ave. or Mrs. P. Flowers, 9825 88th Ave. Arrangements are being made for a meeting on March 25th when it is hoped members will join in a Corporate Communion.

FRATERNITY OF ST. JAMES

The regular monthly meeting of the Fraternity of St. James was held at St. Catherine's Residence on Tuesday, February 22nd. The Principal gave a cordial welcome to the guests, the Rev. C. Storey and the Rev. G. P. Gower.

Following the business a paper on "Recent Church Conferences" was given by the Rev. G. P. Gower.

Mr. Gower gave an historical review of the World Conferences from Edinburgh 1910 to Edinburgh and Oxford in 1937. Tracing the movement during these years he showed the influence of the War and the pronouncements of the Lambeth Conference on the outlook of the Churches in the face of threatening attacks from without. The Appeal to All Christian People which was sent forth from the Lambeth Conference had given a great impetus to the desire to come to a better understanding between the Churches. Under the Leadership of Bishop Brent of America and Archbishop Soderblom of Sweden the Churches were called together at Lausanne in 1927. The Oxford Conference on the Churches' Life and Work and the Edinburgh Conference on Faith and Order in 1937 were its immediate successors. It was here that delegates from all over the world and from every denomination except one, sought to find the common mind of the Church of Jesus Christ.

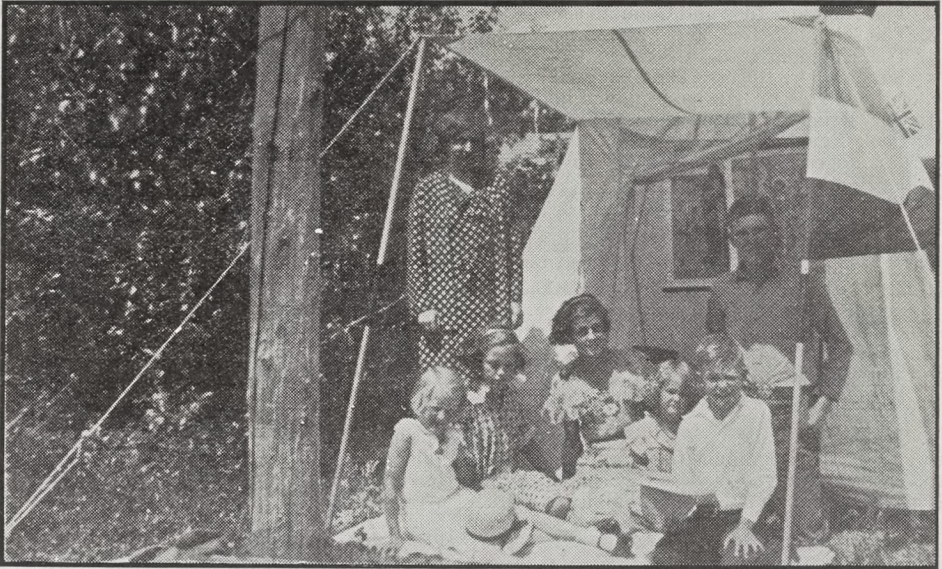
In reviewing the situation as it is today the speaker stressed three things as of the utmost importance. First—that the unity of the Church of Jesus Christ is a fact in history. It is "our business" to express that unity. Christ cannot be divided.

The second follows on the first. If we acquiesce in the present state of isolation and do not desire communion with other members we are guilty of schism, of helping to rend the seamless robe of Christ.

The third, that when Union, which is the outward visible mark of the inward unity of all believers, does come, it will not be as the result of men's effort but the gift of Christ Himself who desires to give that willingness to work together some outward manifestation.

Our aim should be to repent of our past indifference and quicken in ourselves a desire to "do something" to end the disunity that exists.

The meeting closed with the benediction given by the Rev. C. Storey.



Miss Lillian Camp, Secretary, Sunday School by Post conducts a class in the open air

KAPASIWIN CALLING

On Friday, February 18th, eighty-five responded to the invitation "Kapasawin Calling" and met in St. Peter's Hall, Edmonton, for a very happy Summer School Re-union. Of these, twenty were from out-of-town points.

Circled around the "fireplace" the guests renewed old friendships, laughed and talked, and later, enjoyed the program. Rev. S. F. Tackaberry, to whom Summer School owes much, acted as chairman. Another School benefactor, His Lordship, Bishop Burgett, spoke of the worth of the School, the need of a chapel and an additional dormitory and closed with an appeal for co-operation. St. Faith's Girls and St. Peter's Concert Party contributed splendid sketches. Rev. W. Elkin led the sing-song and later, read greetings from many former school members. Rev. A. Harding Priest had a royal welcome when he added his word of appreciation and told how the school idea is growing in Western Canada. The program closed with the lusty singing of "Lead On O King Eternal" and the National Anthem.

Refreshments were served and the party broke up with many "see you this summer." farewells. Altogether, "Kapasawin Calling" was voted a success.

Out-of-town friends were: May Bell, Brightview; Leda Baptist, Tofield; Mary Bass, Gibbons; Peggy Todd, Coronado; Helen and Edna Moore, Edson; Rev. T. Matthews, Edson; Rev. A. Harding Priest, Calgary; Clive Gardam, Westlock.

Greetings were received from: Rev. W. deV. A. Hunt, Mayerthorpe; Rev. J. Burrows, Sedgewick; Mr. and Mrs. Gardam, Westlock; Bob Gardam, Trinity House, Toronto; Anne Richardson, Camrose; Joan Calvert, Vermilion; Jack and Ronald Chester, St. Paul; Don Edwards, Tofield.

THE SISTERS OF ST JOHN THE DIVINE St. John's House, 11714 92nd St.

Thank you, all who have helped, during the past month!

Some have contributed towards the work, in the house, and some towards that, amongst our poorer brothers and sisters, outside of the home. The appeal, for flour, for one family, met with such a generous response, that several families were helped. We do thank you.

You will, we are sure, be interested to know of a little, that is going on, in St. John's House.

Since the first of the year, three wee babies have come—Angela, John and John. The young mothers leave us for a ten-days' sojourn in the hospital, as our house is too small, for the births to be here. When God trusts us with a larger house, we hope to have the complete care, of those who come.

Our guest rooms are always occupied now, and, since the beginning of the year, eleven more guests might have been received, had there been room for them. Sometimes the guests are young mothers, married and unmarried; sometimes they are patients from the country, who come to the city for treatment; and sometimes tired church workers come for a few days' rest. As long as the walls will stretch to hold them, we gladly receive any whom God sends.

Please pray that, in God's own time, we may be trusted with more of His children, in a larger house.

1938—KAPASIWIN SUMMER SCHOOL—1938

The plans for the Summer School are developing. The date has been set for July 18th. It will extend over the weekend as it did last year and may begin with a devotional weekend on July 16th.

The visiting lecturers will be:

(1) The Rev. Dr. Judd, Toronto, General Sec. Social Service Council of Canada. His subjects will be:

1. The Kingdom of Heaven Idea in the Gospels.
2. The Kingdom Idea and Communism.
3. The Kingdom Idea and Fascism.
4. The Kingdom Idea in Service.

(2) The Rev. Dr. Rogers, Toronto, Publications Dept. of the G.B.R.E. His subjects will be:

1. Our Religious Educational System.
2. Book Reviews.

(3) Mrs. Rogers, Toronto, Specialist in Primary Work. Her subjects will be:

1. The Primary Curriculum.
2. Primary Methods.

(4) The Rev. Geoffrey Guiton of Kangra, India. (The M.S.C.C. Bulletin, No. 1, for 1938, tells us something of the work of this great missionary.)

(5) The Rev. A. Harding Priest of Calgary. Our Director of R.E. and Young People's Work in the western provinces. Mr. Harding Priest is a power in the Church. He will speak on:

1. The Oxford Conference.
2. Leadership.
3. Teacher Training.

Just look at this programme for a Summer School! What a chance we have to live in this company and catch a renewed vision of the Church at work! Plan your holidays to begin the middle of July and take in the SUMMER SCHOOL.

DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The February meeting of the D.B.R.E. was held in Christ Church parish hall on the 16th. Interest in the business was very marked and much was accomplished.

With reference to the Scout Movement and its Relationship to the Church it was recommended that the scheme to have Anglican Church badges available for church work done be supported.

Dealing with other questions put by the G.B.R.E. the Board endorsed the request of the General Synod to the G.B.R.E. to develop Church Boys' League Programmes to suit older boys. It also unanimously approved the principle of developing specifically Anglican Programmes for the Youth of the Church.

It was recorded that two Anglican divines had preached before the University of Alberta Student Christian Movement members. As further evidence of the interest of the Church in Student Life and Work it was also noted that the Secretary of the S.C.M., Miss Mary Hope Simpson had addressed the Anglican congregations on the movement.

Dealing with the developments of the camp site at Kapasiwin the Board approved the erection of a chapel and another dormitory this year. The development of the Pigeon Lake site received attention and the Board endorsed the plan to proceed with a suitable building.

The Rev. G. P. Gower was elected to be head of the financial campaign to raise money for these projects. Messrs. Tackaberry, Elkin, Gower and T. Matthews were elected as a Building Committee.

The Rev. S. F. Tackaberry was elected as Conventor of the Summer School with the Rev. A. Elliott, the Rev. W. M. Nainby and the Rev. T. Matthews as a committee.

It was urged upon all Rural Deaneries that they explore the deanery and that they accept full canonical responsibility for the development of R.D. branches of the D.B.R.E., and that Sunday School Associations be formed.

Appreciation of the kindness of Mr. R. P. Blakey in preparing plans of the chapel at Kapasiwin was heartily expressed.

Dealing with the development of the Visual Instruction in R.E. Mr. Elkin was appointed to take charge of the work and confer with the Dept. of Extension on the matter.

Rural Deanery of Edmonton

ALL SAINTS'

The Rev. T. E. Rowe, D.D.

The annual meeting of All Saints' Cathedral was held in the parish hall on January 21st, 1938. There was a record and very enthusiastic audience. The Acting Rector, Dr. T. E. Rowe, was in the chair.

Very encouraging reports were read from every organization in connection with the Church. These reports showed a year of very successful endeavour during 1937. The annual elections for church officers were held with the following being elected: Rector's Warden, Mr. T. A. Powell; People's Warden, Mr. H. Bouts; Vestry: Messrs. Teape, Conn, Lowle, Storey, Blakey, Clark, Stutchbury, Horrocks, Adam, Wade, Swallow, and Butler. Mr. G. G. L. Moore was re-appointed as Vestry Clerk. Delegates to Synod were as follows: Major General the Hon. W. A. Griesbach, the Hon. Mr. Justice Ford, Mr. Teape, Mr. Barford, Mr. G. R. F. Kirkpatrick and Mr. F. F. W. Lowell.

A special meeting of the parishioners of All Saints' Cathedral was held on Feb. 8th, 1938. The purpose of the meeting was to select a name or names to submit to the Bishop for his approval as successor to Canon E. T. Pierce-Goulding who has received an appointment as Rector of St. Marks, Plumsted, London, England. Mr. T. A. Powell, the Rector's Warden, was in the chair for the first part of the meeting.

The only name submitted was that of Dr. T. E. Rowe, and after the meeting the wardens conveyed the decision of the meeting to the Bishop personally. Upon being informed of the decision Dr. and Mrs. Rowe entered the hall and in a few chosen words the Rector-elect thanked the congregation for their confidence in him at the same time pledging himself to give of his very best for our parish. The congregation on their part pledged their hearty support.

Mention was made of the long and successful years of leadership Canon Pierce-Goulding had given the parish. It was pointed out that he had been with us for just on twenty years during which time he had endeared himself to all by his unflinching service both in sickness and in health. A very handsome Illuminated Address was shown to the meeting and on a vote being taken it was unanimously decided that it should be sent to the Canon in London. The address set forth the appreciation of the congregation for the years of service in our behalf and wished him God-speed with his work in the new sphere of the Master's vineyard. The address coupled the name of Mrs. Pierce-Goulding with that of the Canon. It is devoutly hoped that God will richly bless them both in their new work for Him.

ALL SAINTS' WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

The W.A. held a very successful tea at the rectory, on February 2nd.

There was a record attendance at the Quarterly Board meeting last month. The W.A. are to be

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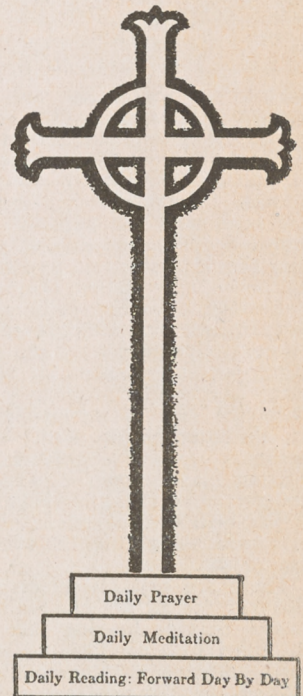
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- A—Attendance each Sunday at
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B—Attendance at a Week-Day
Service.
C—Attendance at Holy Com-
munion at least three times
during Lent and on Easter
Day.

III.—BY BUILDING THE ARMS OF THE CROSS OR THE MAN-WARD EFFORTS OF MY LIFE THROUGH

- A—A study of the Rural Work
of the Church.
B—Making a survey of the
Rural Work of the Church
in my Diocese.
C—Making a visit to a Rural
Church Service.
D—Visiting and Bringing Some-
one from the Rural Areas
to My Church.

IV.—BY GIVING AT LEAST ONE DOLLAR FROM MY AL- LOWANCE OR EARNINGS TO THE MISSIONARY OFFERING IN LENT.



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The Poster reproduced above was issued in the Diocese of Western Michigan.

Comments Original and Otherwise

"Curate"

MORE PROPHECY AND LESS PESSIMISM

Too often these days one hears the note of pessimism in sermons and addresses dealing with present-day world conditions. There are so many who seem to see nothing but chaos and trouble ahead. I believe it would be a blessing to the Christian faith, if there were more prophecy and less pessimism, if we heard a little more of "Thus saith the Lord" and not so much of "I told you so". Of all people, we who worship ought to be recognizable for the quality of joy and hope—joy and hope that come, not from blindness to the ills of the world, but because we do not believe that God has deserted the world and left it to run itself without Him. He is still, in this year 1938, the Lord of all hopefulness and of all joy. And God's chosen servants are those who are convinced that He cannot be defeated.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

From the Church Assembly News, an English periodical, I quote as follows:

"The enormous expenditure of prayers and thought, of effort and resources, on the training of the child is thrown away unless provision is made for the growing or grown man to use his equipment in gaining further stores of knowledge. The experience of each succeeding year should enable him to assess with a developing sense of certainty the truths embodied in the creeds. An increasing wealth of information, linked with a desire to discover how far his convictions will stand the test of time, render discussion an indispensable factor in his education. The regular instruction towards which he plays the part of the passive listener will not by itself satisfy his need. Unless his mind is provoked to self-expression, habitual sermon hearing may become a dangerous luxury. An understanding faith, in which the 'understanding' is perpetually progressive, will be the aim of every practising Christian whose primary duty is evangelism."

There are two statements in that paragraph that call for all the emphasis that we can give them. Sermon hearing that does not provoke the mind to some form of self-expression may easily become a dangerous luxury. And the other is that the primary duty of every Christian is evangelism.

THE CHURCH IN ACTION

I read in an English paper that a Church Army News Team Evangelist has been at work for twelve months in the Diocese of Chelmsford, at the request of the Bishop, and under his supervision. In order to inaugurate the winter campaign 10 Clergy and 150 Teamers came together for conference. The subjects discussed were such as these: "What a keen team of converted communicants can do to help the Vicar", "How to win indifferent people to Christ and the Church", "The secret of personal interviews

which lead to Conversion, Consecration, and Churchmanship". The correspondent who writes about this gathering says that it was splendid to see the enthusiasm of these representatives of the different Churches who seemed to be convinced that they had a contribution to make for a "Church Afame".

At the conclusion of the conference, those taking part formed in a procession that wended its way through the main streets of the town as a procession of witness, after which a great testimony meeting was held when representatives of every parish bore witness to the power of the living Christ.

As I read this item I could not help wishing that some of our leaders in the Church would inaugurate a like movement in Canada. It is only by aggressive effort of that kind that we can hope to win back the ninety and nine who have strayed, and on whose behalf the Archbishop of Canterbury made such a strong appeal in his Christmas Day address.

A VERY WISE SUGGESTION

I notice that a judge in Western Ontario has made the suggestion that in future drunken and reckless drivers should have their cars confiscated. He points out that under Federal laws, the automobiles of individuals found guilty of using them for smuggling purposes may be seized for sale, and that in prohibition days cars were also confiscated for carrying liquor illegally. "Surely life and limb," says this judge, "are more important than custom duties and revenue from liquor." The present practice of a small fine, or a couple of days in jail, certainly does not make the punishment fit the crime.

THE VOICE OF UNDER THIRTY

I have just read the ninth of the series of articles under that general heading, which have appeared in the London Spectator. The writer of this article is said to be one of the youngest of the beneficed clergy in the London area. He is exceedingly critical about present-day Church life and activities. "I have no use," he tells us, "for a Church which is 'A blessed company of faithful people' sheltering from the world in an exclusive Christian Society. The Church exists to make the world Christian; every Christian therefore should be a propagating cell of vital religion, working at all times by word and deed to extend Christ's Kingdom." All of which is perfectly true, but I cannot help wishing that this youthful person had told us what he is doing in his own parish to put his theory into practice. Men like Prebendary Carlile and his Church Army, by their example are doing more to revive the life of the Church than all the critics combined. I know of no more appropriate prayer than that of the devout Chinese who prayed "Lord revive Thy Church and begin with me".

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The Season of Lent

By Archdeacon V. F. Storr

The origin of the observance of Lent, so far as it is known, would seem to be as follows. It grew out of the Good Friday fast and the forty days' preparation for the Easter festival, the latter being a time of training the catechumens for Baptism on Easter Eve. These forty days were gradually included in the fast, and were kept in memory of our Lord's fast at the Temptation. The Western Church enlarged the fast so as to take in the whole six weeks of preparation for Easter, but the Sundays were excluded. The exclusion of Sunday reduced the forty days to thirty-six; but the number forty was restored some time in the sixth or seventh century by making Lent begin on Ash Wednesday. The observance of Lent is therefore a very ancient custom of the Church.

There can be no question that Lent today is not being kept as it used to be only a comparatively few years ago. Its non-observance is perhaps part of the general revolt against institutional religion and ecclesiastical authority, and does not necessarily indicate a slackening of moral fibre. The younger generation for good or ill increasingly turns a deaf ear to advice or instruction prefaced by "the Church teaches", or "the Church orders". It wishes to think things out for itself, and is not prepared to accept a thing merely because it has tradition and authority behind it. In this it is surely right, provided it will realize that the verdicts of the past are not lightly to be set aside. Our forefathers were not fools, and an ancient custom such as that of observing Lent has behind it a solid weight of Christian experience which all sensible people will be ready to take into account.

Let us examine some of the reasons which may be given for insisting that it is still a good thing to observe the Lenten season. Take, first, the thought of self-discipline, which we all need, and need perhaps more than ever in an age when the standard of material comfort has risen and temptations to an easy-going life abound. The difficulty here is to turn self-discipline from an external rule into something which we gladly accept in a spirit of love. The bare rule is obviously irksome, and there is little use in obeying it if all the while the yoke galls the shoulders. Nor is there any merit in enduring hardship or discomfort for its own sake, though at times Christians have tended to think that there was such merit. Where religion and morality are concerned the outward must spring from the inward. We may give our bodies to be burned, but if we have not charity we are nothing. But if we can make the observance of an external rule an expression of an inward spiritual desire to draw nearer to God, then we shall find that the keeping of the rule strengthens the will and ministers to the whole life of character. Lent does provide the much needed opportunity for taking stock of ourselves and bracing up the moral muscles. We surely all do well to turn God's searchlight upon our characters, and discover whether we are growing slack in our loyalty.

Fasting may have a wide content of meaning. A slice of cold mutton on Wednesday and Friday may mean more in the way of self-discipline than a well-cooked fish lunch. Each must interpret fasting in his own way. The point is to do something which will help to make God more real to ourselves. Can anything help to this end better than a time of quiet upon our knees, or with our Bibles, or some book which will lift our thoughts to the eternal verities? Lent is a time for passing behind the seen to the unseen from which come those supplies of strength and illumination which we need in our daily life, if we are to fulfil God's purpose for us. "Study to be quiet," wrote St. Paul, and there is none of us who in this rushing modern life does not require the exhortation.

Quinquagesima Sunday with its central message about Love as the vital principle of the Christian life is rightly placed just before the opening of Lent. For love grows by self-sacrifice, and to self-sacrifice Lent calls us; not only to the sacrifice involved in self-discipline, but to sacrifice of self for others or for some larger cause. Here is an oppor-

tunity in these Lenten weeks of thinking over such things as our personal expenditure, the use we make of our money, how largely self bulks in our life. "It is more blessed to give than to receive": a right use of Lent will enable us to understand better the meaning of that saying of our Lord, preserved for us by St. Paul. And the message of Quinquagesima should also help to remove any reluctance in our service of God, or any sense of irksomeness in our self-discipline, by showing us the love which can transform service and restraint into glad expressions of Christian discipleship. Our spiritual life must be the poorer if we make no attempt to make use of Lent in these or similar ways.

Lent then bids us look within ourselves. When we so look we find sin; and thus it is that Ash Wednesday sounds the call to repentance, and strikes a note which echoes all through these weeks until it reaches on Good Friday its fullest tone. The call of Lent is a call to take sin seriously. It may be true that the modern man is not worrying about his sins; but if it is, the modern man is wrong. It may be true that the emphasis of the preacher today is upon service rather than penitence, but service is no substitute for holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Extravagant expressions about human sinfulness may have been used in the past; and people may have been "put off" by what they consider to be unreal language. But the fact of sin remains in every life, and must be dealt with. Christianity is essentially a religion of redemption from sin. Its central figure is a Saviour on a Cross. To Him we should turn in these weeks that He may free us by His power from all the sinfulness which mars our fellowship with God.

—*Church of England Newspaper.*



Some Common Religious Words—III. Faith

By Rev. Ebenezer Scott, M.A., B.D.

Faith is the human response to divine grace. These two words stand face to face with each other in all our Christian thought and language.

Faith, like its divine counterpart grace, is a word which has often been put to unwise, and even ignoble, use. Faith is more than intellectual belief; it is the surrender of man's entire being to God. Faith has been perverted into an excuse for a lawless life. Faith has been loaded with traditions and accretions that have no part in it. The sentence of the Spanish Inquisition, with its execution in the burning of the heretic, is known to history as the "act of faith". Faith has always been a favourite word with eccentric sects. We are specially familiar in our own day with faith-healing, which, it is true, has some basis in the Gospel records, but in its cruder forms is a gross misinterpretation of our Lord's intentions in His gracious acts of help and healing towards the suffering race of men.

Faith, like grace, is a most comprehensive word. The New Testament writers approach it from various points of view. The first three Gospels ring out the invitation of the divine grace in the simplest and clearest tones. "Have faith in God"; in that brief, tremendous sentence is contained the whole secret of peace and power for mortal men. In the fourth Gospel, faith is refined into a mystical union of the soul with Christ; human faith and divine grace are almost inwoven into each other. In St. Paul's writings faith is an integral part of his doctrine of grace. We are justified by faith. As all the great blessings of this life are given to us from above, we have only to open our hearts to receive God's gift of redemption from sin and newness of life in Jesus Christ. In the Epistle to the Hebrews, faith raises us above this world of sense and time, and sees in the things of this world a copy of the things that are laid up in heaven, and are waiting to be revealed to us there in all their perfection.

Yet these various aspects of faith do not confuse us, but only help us to understand the term in its breadth and richness. It is our faith that overcomes this present world; it is with our faith ever going before us that we march onward to our immortality.

A Chinese Bishop Speaks

Bishop Tsen of Honan, at the conclusion of a Service of Holy Communion on board the S. S. "Empress of Japan", delivered the following moving exhortation just before the Benediction. We are happy to pass it on to our readers:

Brothers in Christ, I exhort you, now that you have had Communion with our Saviour, keep forever steadfast in that Communion in heart, in soul, in mind, in every fibre of your being.

Remaining steadfast in that spirit, I exhort you, bethink yourselves of the suffering people of Spain, where brother is committing crime against brother because of blindness to our Master's will, fed by passion and by ignorance. And I exhort you ever to remain steadfast and firm in your Communion so that your eyes will always be open to our Master's will, and that you will never do ought in thought, word, or deed which will promote or cause such human misery.

Brethren, I exhort you at this time to bethink yourselves of the weeping women of Japan—mothers weeping for sons who will never return, wives for husbands who are gone forever. I exhort you to bethink yourselves of the desolation and the grief of the orphaned children of Japan— orphaned in a cause in which the people of Japan have no heart.

Brethren, I exhort you to bethink yourselves of the boys of Japan, sent against

their will by a ruthless military spirit to do things in a foreign land against which their souls and hearts revolt. I exhort you to bethink yourselves at this time of thousands of those poor boys who even now are lying in torture and maimed, and whose life's blood is now being drunk by a foreign soil.

Brethren, I exhort you to bethink yourselves of those of us who are far from our native land, whose dear ones are in the midst of an inferno of death and destruction, whose fate we know not of. Pray for us; pray that we may maintain in this dark hour that spirit of brotherly love and compassion for which our dear Saviour gave His life.

Brethren, I exhort you to think of the suffering people in my native land of China, in terror, driven from their homes to wander as strangers about the land; thousands of whom are now maimed and helpless. I exhort you to bethink yourselves of little children, wounded and crying for a mother's aid and comfort, with the mother lying with eyes glazed in death and lips stilled so that never more can they give a mother's comfort.

Brethren, I exhort you always and ever to maintain your Communion with our Lord, ever to remain steadfast and faithful to His teachings, so that always, in your lives, your hearts, your minds, your acts, you will do those things which will bring to suffering humanity that peace of God which passeth all understanding! —*The Living Church.*



What Are We Doing in Our Parishes?

That is the question that Rev. A. E. Simpson, Canon of Chester Cathedral, asks of his brother clergy, in an article that recently appeared in the Church of England Newspaper. Here is the answer that he gives:

"We appear to be trying to do many different things. There are at least three popular solutions to the problem to be found in practice. One is suggested by the word "Numbers". In many parishes the ultimate purpose of parish work seems to be to draw in as many people as possible. It may be by able and popular preaching. It may be by heaping up "popular attractions", in the hope that some who come to dances, and theatricals, will also come to Church. It may be by "stunts". But "let us fill our Church"—that is, adopting an American phrase for an American ideal, "the big idea".

In another class of parish the keynote is not "Numbers" but "the Service". We must have a good Service, whether it be liturgically or musically. The vicar takes endless pains to train his servers or his choir as the case may be. He "puts on" this bit of ceremonial or that bit. He drops the sentimental hymns from "Hymns Ancient and Modern" which his people so misguidedly love, and substitutes something still more ancient, or more modern, according to his school of Churchmanship and his sense of propriety. When he has got the office hymn in the right place, and vestments of the right cut, and the music sung in the right way, then the good priest's soul is satisfied, and he says "I have got the right Service at last." He has been getting the right things into his Church. But has he been getting them into his people?

Yet other parishes there are whose life throbs in harmony with the idea of "business efficiency". Organizations are multiplied, balance sheets are published, records are docketed, the cover of the parish magazine bristles with names of secretaries of parochial societies, guilds, unions, clubs, and fellowships. Every thing is done in the most business-like way, and the Wardens are able proudly to declare a nice little balance at the end of the year. Certainly St. Timothy's is a very prosperous Church."

Then Canon Simpson goes on to point out that "A full Church is a good thing; a right Service is a good thing; efficient organization is a good thing. But all these are only means to an end. The end is the building up of the living Church of Christ in faith, devotion, life, and service."

Then he takes the four words, faith, devotion, life and service, and shows the great need there is for the development of each in our congregations. The parish priest must not rest until he "has evoked in his people the spirit of service, which seeks expression in evangelism". He must get the whole body of his people impressed with the sense of their evangelistic and missionary responsibility, until there is a compelling feeling among them that "We must do something to take the Church's message to the people outside. We must do a bit more for the work overseas. We must pay every penny of our diocesan quota."

"The parish priest should set before himself as an objective the building up of a living fellowship, part of the Body of Christ, composed of people who know their faith, who love their Lord, who are trying to live as His disciples, and are eager to promote His Kingdom everywhere. Such a fellowship must of itself be an evangelistic agent, for it would draw men to its own light and life. Our modern evangelistic efforts would have a real chance of achieving lasting results, if there existed behind them in the average parish a living Church of this kind."

Canon Simpson is writing about conditions in the parishes in the Old Country. What he says is equally applicable to the Church in Canada. —CURATE.



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THE ARCHBISHOP AND EVANGELISM

Ever since I have enjoyed the privilege of writing these comments, I have tried to emphasize the need for evangelism, as the most pressing requirement of organized Christianity today. As a great English preacher once said, we are spending far too much time coddling the saints, instead of collaring the sinners. It was therefore with great satisfaction that I listened to the address of the Archbishop of Canterbury on Christmas Day, when he made the need for evangelism the most prominent part of his broadcast appeal to the nation. Our chief concern, he said, should be with the ninety and nine who had strayed from the fold; they must be won back by personal evangelism, one by one, and this work of seeking out and recovering those who have strayed, is the work of the laity as well as of the clergy. It will take a lot of insistent teaching before that fact is brought home to the average Anglican layman, but it is work that must be done, and the sooner we set about it the better.

A PARABLE: CAN YOU INTERPRET IT?

Once upon a time there were two brothers—John and Henry Doe. Their father when he died left them his business, and a substantial amount of capital that he had accumulated. For some years the two brothers carried on the business jointly, dividing equally the profit that accrued therefrom. Then John Doe who was an earnest-minded young man decided to study for the ministry, and entered college in order properly to qualify himself. He was subsequently ordained and became a missionary in Western Canada. While he was attending college he received a proposal from his older brother that

they should pool whatever capital they had, and with the proceeds build a larger and more modern factory than the one that then existed. To this John Doe agreed, on the understanding that the profits of the enlarged business should be equally divided. For some years the plan worked satisfactorily, and he received with regularity the share to which he was entitled. Then came years of depression. There was a serious decrease in the business done, with a corresponding decrease in resulting profits. The cheques which John Doe received grew gradually less, and finally ceased entirely. When he wrote asking for an explanation, his brother replied that it was quite impossible for him to make any reduction whatever in his own salary, and as their was no written agreement between them, he did not propose to send him any part of the reduced profits. He needed all he could lay his hands upon to maintain his family and educate his children. His first duty was to them, and his brother would have to try to get along as best he could on his stipend as a missionary. I think we would agree that Henry Doe was a very mean man.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

That is the question asked by a writer in an American Church paper, and the answer given is "The regular attendance at public worship every Sunday of all our people who are able to get there." But as Canon Simpson of Exeter Cathedral says, it is useless to bring people to Church unless we have a real living Church to which to bring them. If we unduly emphasize the importance of church-going by itself, people may, and often do, draw the inference that all that can reasonably be expected of them as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ, is that they should go to church on Sunday and lead lives of ordinary decency. Habitual sermon-hearing that never leads to any kind of action or effort on the part of the hearer, may easily become a dangerous luxury.

QU'APPELLE DIOCESE

I have just had a letter from the Bishop of Qu'Appelle, in which he writes as follows: "Through the generosity of the people in our other provinces we have received about 780 cars of vegetables, fruit and clothing, which have been delivered by the railway companies free of charge, and distributed at local points by committees of which clergy and ministers have been members. This has been a tremendous assistance." Then he goes on to outline what the Government has done in the way of providing fodder for the stock.

The financial situation in the diocese is rendered difficult owing to the existence of an overdraft at the Bank amounting to \$21,000, created some years ago which the diocese is anxious to try to reduce. "My chief anxiety," writes the Bishop, "is about the clergy motor cars. On sixty dollars a month they manage to keep things going, but their cars are now getting, through age, so expensive to repair that the problem is getting beyond them."

A CHURCH LOSING WAY

That the Episcopal Church in the United States is at present on the down-grade, is the conclusion of a commission of three laymen, appointed by the Bishops in Colorado, to make an impartial study of National Church statistics. One of the three Commissioners was a statistician, another a merchant, and the third a lawyer.

The greatest weakness according to the report of this Commission is in lapsed communicants. The number taken off the roll each year is forty-two per cent of those confirmed.

Among the remedies suggested by the Commission are the following, and it might be well for the Church in Canada to give them consideration.

"An awakening from complacency; longer preparation; more study and higher requirements before Confirmation; a definite system of transfer of communicants who change residence; more thorough and systematic pastoral care; more clergy who mix with the community and so understand what is happening in the world; an aggressive evangelism; Bishops who can lead and who will take the time and trouble to know their parishes and wisely counsel their priests; emphasis on Christian home life."

A CHINESE CHRISTIAN'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHURCH

Seldom have I read any statement more permeated by the principles and Spirit of Christ, than the broadcast address in the United States by Francis Cho-Min Wei, President of the Central China College. In the space allowed in these comments I can quote only a couple of paragraphs. "My fear," says Dr. Wei, "is that either China or Japan, if victorious, will be faced with the danger of a fascist Dictatorship, tending to Totalitarianism. Vanquished China or Japan will surely turn left. In either case the Church has a big problem on her hands. It is this kind of problem that gives me greater concern than even the war in China, wretched as it is, and will be. What is the Christian Church going to do in the face of such a problem?"

Here is the answer that this Chinese Christian gives to his own question.

"In face of such a terrific situation, not only in the Far East but in the whole world, whatever we Christians may be able to do seems a drop in the bucket. But I always say that that drop may change the colour of the whole bucket, because it is God's drop. God will work miracles if we are His willing instruments. The most difficult thing to believe is that the Living God can be incarnate in human flesh, but it is the heart of our faith. The sorrow of the world is our Cross. Can we follow the Incarnate God to the Cross so that sin may be overpowered, His Kingdom come and His will be done?"

ALWAYS WANTING MONEY

How very common is that complaint! And what a condemnation it is of the very people who make that complaint! The average clergyman hates to talk about money quite as much as those who listen dislike to hear about it. If every one who makes a profession of Christianity, had a due sense of stewardship, and understood money as God intends us to understand it, it would never once be mentioned—nor would there be any need of mentioning it.

Every day we pray the prayer "Thy Kingdom come". What an unreality that prayer becomes if we grumble and complain every time we are asked to contribute a few dollars in order to make the fulfilment of that prayer a possibility.



DR. TEMPLE'S VISIT TO CAIRO

As already mentioned in the C.E.N., the Archbishop of York is to visit Cairo after Easter for the consecration on St. Mark's Day, April 25th, of Cairo Cathedral. Dr. Temple is taking the place of the Archbishop of Canterbury, who at one time hoped to go but now finds this impossible.



Diocese of Quebec

The Bishop of the Diocese has many vacancies to fill. The Rev. W. S. G. Bunbury of La Tuque, a faithful priest of the diocese, who for a short time was at the Cathedral of Sault Ste. Marie, died recently in a Montreal Hospital after an operation. The Rector of St. Matthew's, Quebec, has also resigned. This is "Canon Scott's Church" and the appointment is directly in the hands of the Bishop. The Bishop and Dean Salmon of Ottawa will conduct the Holy Week Service at St. Matthew's.



BOOKS

The Unity of Philosophical Experience, by Etienne Gilson. A Religious Book Club selection—a Review of the mediaeval, the Cartesian and the modern experiment and a synthesis of philosophic experience. 330 pages. \$3.50

The Focus of Belief, by A. R. Whatley. This is an attempt to focalize faith which the author finds possible through "Redemption". 191 pages. \$2.50



MARCH

1. St. David, Archbishop of Mnevia, Circa 544.
2. Ash Wednesday.
Chad, Bishop of Lichfield.

6. FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

7. Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs.
9. Ember Day.
11. Ember Day.
12. Ember Day.
Gregory, The Great, Bishop.

13. SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

17. St. Patrick, Bishop of Armagh, Circa 465.

19. St. Joseph.

20. THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

- Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne.

21. Benedict Abbott, 543.

25. **Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

27. FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

CHINA'S WAR-SUFFERERS PRESENT CHALLENGING TEST

There is perhaps no organization in North America more representative of the life of our Protestant Churches than is the Foreign Missions Conference of the United States and Canada. Composed of officially appointed delegates from one hundred and twenty-eight Foreign Mission Boards and Societies representing all the major denominations in both countries, it has met in annual session for the past forty-five years. With its world-wide contacts as a unit of the International Missionary Council, on the one hand, and its official relationships with the Church Boards of North America, on the other, it is rendering through its Executive Committee, known as the Committee of Reference and Counsel, an essential service of inestimable value.

For the first time in its history, the Conference met this year in Canada, the Royal York Hotel in Toronto being the place of meeting. For three crowded days these outstanding Church leaders gave themselves to a discussion of the great and grave issues the Church faces at the present hour in the field of her Foreign Missionary Enterprise.

Of the many vital and pressing problems that came before that important body none aroused a deeper interest or called forth such strong expressions of feeling as did that of responding to the heart-rending appeal for aid for the war-sufferers in China. The major part of one of these busy sessions was devoted to its consideration. The feeling that dominated the discussion was that here was not only a supreme opportunity but an imperative challenge to the Church to demonstrate the reality of the faith she proclaims and to translate that faith into deeds of mercy.

The resolution in which the Conference expressed its conviction on the subject and voiced its call to action was adopted by a standing vote. Its appeal gains added strength from the fact that no body in North America is in closer touch with the situation or is possessed of wider and more authoritative knowledge of existing conditions in that country. The following are some extracts from the resolution:

'We are confronted with a situation in the Far East which already involves human suffering on a scale unparalleled since the World War. Millions of men, women, and children are homeless and on the verge of starvation. They will perish unless the Christians of the world rally to their rescue. If in this hour of China's supreme distress the Christian churches of North America rally to the help of sufferers in China, they will give a demonstration of the reality of their own Christian character and will strengthen their witness to the Gospel of Christ which they profess and proclaim.

In view of the situation

RESOLVED:

1. That the Foreign Missions Conference recognizes that this is a primary responsibility which the Protestant churches of North America must accept as their own and to which they must devote unstinted energy;
2. That the Conference urges all churches and Mission Boards in North America to do their utmost in responding to the needs of the suffering people of China;
3. That all members of this Conference, as individuals, accept responsibility for arousing interest and securing, as well as making, gifts in their local churches and communities.'

The resolution further sets up a special Committee on Relief in China to carry forward the share of the Foreign Missions Conference in this responsibility and to seek the co-operation of Mission Boards and National Church Organizations in the nation-wide campaign for China's relief.

Canada is in the lead in issuing such an appeal. May she be in the lead in her response! The Religious Bodies in Canada, including the Roman Catholics, the Jews, and the various Protestant Bodies, together with the Canadian Red Cross, have united in a nation-wide common effort to raise a Fund through which our people may express their sympathy in tangible form.

All ministers throughout Canada are being asked to bring the appeal to the attention of their people and seek to secure a generous response. The banks are heartily co-operating, arrangements having been made whereby every local bank is a receiving agency. Donations, either individual or church, made payable to the 'Red Cross Chinese Relief Fund' may be deposited with any local bank, together with contributors' names and addresses, so that official receipts may be forwarded. Let us demonstrate the reality of our faith by our response to this tragic need.



One Communion and Fellowship

March

"Praise we the Lord this day,
this day so long foretold,
Whose promise shone with
cheering ray on waiting
saints of old.

The prophet gave the sign for faithful men
to read,

A Virgin, born of David's line, should
bear the promised Seed.

"Ask not how this could be, but worship
and adore;

Like her, whom Heaven's own Majesty
came down to shadow o'er.

Meekly she bowed her head to hear the
gracious word,

Mary, the pure and lowly maid, the fav-
oured of the Lord.

"Blessed shall be her name in all the
Church on earth,

Through whom that wondrous mercy came,
the incarnate Saviour's birth.

JESU, the Virgin's Son, we praise Thee
and adore,

Who art with God the Father One and
Spirit evermore." Amen.

—From Hymns for the Festivals.

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel (God-with-us) . . . For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."

So chanted the inspired Isaiah some seven centuries before that first Christmas night, when the virgin mother bore the Christ of God. Christmas is His day, kept with holy joy throughout Christendom, but in honour of the Jewish girl He once called "mother", the Church keeps March 25th, called Annunciation Day, being the day when the angel Gabriel was sent to "announce" to Mary of Nazareth that she was chosen as the virgin of Isaiah's prophecy.

St. Luke tells us "And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her,

Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in

thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of His father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. For with God nothing shall be impossible.

And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her."

Such is the simple story of the Annunciation, as told in the Gospel, and all the great artists of Christendom have tried to picture it. The painters of the Western Church usually represent the angel as coming to the Virgin in her



"Hail, thou art highly favoured, the Lord
is with thee."

room. In one she is awakened from sleep, and sits up on her couch, cowering a little before the radiance that inundates the chamber, but looking with the grave eyes of a little child at the angel standing in the heart of the glory. But the Eastern Church states that the great announcing was out of doors, by the fountain of Nazareth, where Mary, like other young girls of the town, went daily to fetch water. Edwin Arnold writes:

"Still lies that Syrian town behind the mountain

Where Mary, meek and lowly, knelt that morn,

Seeing the splendid angel by the fountain,
Hearing his voice 'Messias shall be born'."

The fountain, or well, still supplies Nazareth with water. It stands on the main street of the little town, which is called the Street of Mary's Well. When in Palestine, I stood there for a while, watching the girls and women, with their tall jugs balanced on their heads (too many carried the ugly, square kerosene tins), and thought of the girl, dressed much like these, who must have come there so many times for water, often perhaps with a tiny child holding to her skirt, as I saw several that day, shy toddlers, clinging to mother's gown.

In Nazareth it is impossible not to speculate

on *La Santa Familia*, the Holy Family; a hundred painters have tried to picture them and as many skilled writers have striven to show them to us. In the centre is ever the Holy Child, standing at Mary's knee as she points to the words of the Psalmist in the open scroll she holds. Says Chesterton:

"The Christ Child stood at Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down."

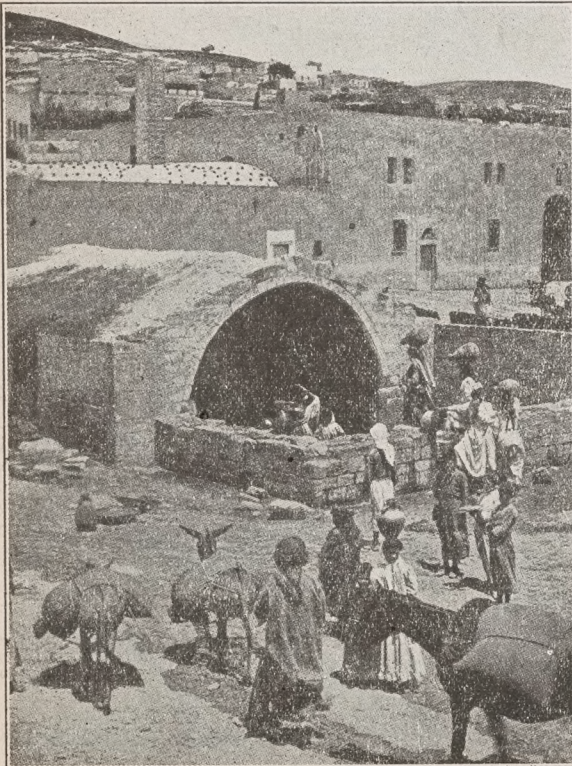
Another picture, often reproduced, shows Him at the carpenter's bench busy with tools; Mary sits to one side, a distaff in her hands, while a white dove picks up grain at her feet, and St. Joseph stands by gravely watching his charges.

One word here on the disputed question, "Were there other children in the home? Was Mary the mother of sons and daughters to Joseph? From what I have read, several masculine writers say "Yes", pointing to the various mentions of the brothers and sisters of JESUS, and of "James, the Lord's brother". On the other hand, many women commentators feel (like the writer of this page) that it would have been impossible for a woman to have passed through the experience Mary had, giving birth to the Son of God, and then become an ordinary wife and mother. The loose usage of "brother" in Bible language prevents the texts alluded to above from being conclusive arguments, and the provision our Lord makes for His mother, when on the cross, infers that He was her only support.

But the question is hardly important enough for discussion.

It is pleasanter to think of that woman who for thirty years had the closest companionship with our Lord; but there is little told of those hidden years. There is the story of Christ, the lad, in the Temple, sitting among the doctors of the Law, and it is noteworthy that it is Mary who speaks in reproof to Him, Joseph evidently claiming no authority over the miracle child. And He evidently knows the mystery of His birth and is mildly surprised at her seeming ignorance, but immediately adapting Himself to her lower level, "He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them", to her and Joseph.

We cannot wonder at the wealth of legend and poetry gathered around that Jewess whom Immanuel (God-with-us) called "Mother". She had considerable poetic ability, for the Magnificat is enshrined among our greatest hymns. We see reflections of her in our Lord's parables—the woman, poor but thrifty, who seeks so earnestly for one little lost coin. And the good housewife, hiding her leaven in "three measures of meal". Then her words at Cana show how she had grown to depend on Him, "They have no wine." Knowing His quick sympathy with little household worries, she bids the servants, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." She goes with His "brethren"



The Virgin's fountain as it is today.

(kinsmen) to interfere with His preaching, as the Pharisees began to show their enmity, but they and she are rebuked, and she is not mentioned again till that terrible last scene—"And there stood by the cross of Jesus His mother".

She did not go with the other women to the sepulchre on that First Easter morning, for she knew, as none other could, that He was divine. Though it was as if "a sword had pierced through her own soul", she was still Mary who said, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour."

All generations shall call me blessed," she sang; St. John Chrysostom calls her touched with "vainglory and ambition", and so needing salvation as much as the rest of humanity. Still Marioltry is the easiest form of idolatry to understand. Yet it was only as men built up in themselves a false fear of God (not the godly fear that is the beginning of wisdom) that the longing for a mediatrix, something more feminine and gentle, led to the actual adoration of Mary. We can, however, feel with Ruskin that while there is much in our lives that must grieve our Lord, and there are some things done by men that must wake the awful, the unimaginable, "wrath of the Lamb", it is impossible to think of Him as ever really grieved at any "loving nonsense" men might say or sing about that Jewish girl whom in the days when He wore our flesh He called "Mother".



These Religious Affections, by Harold John Ockenga. Zondervan Publishing House. 160 pages. . . . \$1.00

It is somewhat refreshing to read a book, written evidently by one who has read widely and thoughtfully, and yet where the basis of Christian truths is found in the Bible, particularly of course the New Testament; this foundation frankly acknowledged, nowhere impugned; nevertheless handled and interpreted in a rational manner. The book, though coloured by the author's denominational viewpoint, stands on no narrow ground and all who care for the good of Christ will find it full of stimulating material—to the clergy bringing new and suggestive trains of thought; to the laity explain-



Dr. Hole's conception of Jesus and His mother bringing water from the fountain in Nazareth.

ing in a fresh way old truths and clearing away difficulties that bother and hinder us in our Bible reading.

Two passages one might choose from many to illustrate above paragraph. The first, in chapter two, page 27, on the Fall. The central thought is that man at first existed in life, rather than possessed life in himself. It was not only in his power but it was his duty to seek to have life confirmed to him and to obtain this confirmation; failing this man would sink to existence within death. The second, chapter three, page 50, on the Conversion of St. Paul. The central thought is that Paul is deeply stirred within himself by all he has seen of Christ in the active lives of Christians, by all he has heard of Christ directly and of the teachings of Christ. St. Paul is fighting against himself, against his conscience, fighting against his own undeclared and unacknowledged faith in Christ; hence kick-against the pricks. Surely both these examples throw expressive light on man's life and to what depths of unrest and difficulty existence within death has developed for man.

One Hundred Years Ago

New Brunswick: S.P.G. Clergy List, 1838. At Fredericton, Archdeacon Coster and J. M. Stirling. At St. John's, Dr. B. G. Gray (since 1796) and J. W. D. Gray. At Kingston, Elias Scovil (since 1801) and W. E. Scovil. At Gagetown, S. R. Clarke (since 1808). At Shediac, G. S. Jarvis. At Bathurst, A. C. Somerville. At Carleton, F. Coster. At Douglas, Dr. Jas. Somerville. At Grand Lake, Abr. Wood. At Grand Manan, Jno. Dunn. At Hampton, W. W. Walker. At Maugerville, Raper Milner. At Miramichi, Sam. Bacon and Jas. Hudson. At Prince William, C. O. Williams. At Richibucto, Hy. S. Jarvis. At Sackville, Jno. Black. At St. Andrew's, Dr. Jerome Alley. At St. George's, Sam. Thompson. At St. Stephen's, Dr. S. Thomson and Jno. S. Thomson. At Sussex Vale, H. N. Arnold. At Westfield, Chris. Milner. At Woodstock, S. D. Lee Street. Visiting Missionary, Dr. Edwin Jacob.

Church Society, N.B.: The Ex. Committee of the Church Society of the Archdeaconry of New Brunswick met at Christ Church, Fredericton, 6th March, 1838. Three clergymen, the Chief Justice, Solicitor-General and five laymen were present. £200 yearly at least was set aside by the Church Society for the maintenance of travelling missionaries. A petition was sent to the S.P.G. to furnish, if possible, one or more visiting missionaries for this purpose to be at the Bishop's disposal. Only persons possessing requisite mental and physical qualifications can successfully prosecute this undertaking. J. M. Stirling, Sec'y.

Quebec Cathedral: Lord Glenelg to Sir J. Colborne, London, 12th March, 1838. The Vestry and Churchwardens of the Cathedral of Quebec, in a memorial to the Governor, represented the injury which would accrue to their fellow-parishioners if the Parliamentary provision for the salary of the Bishop of Montreal were withdrawn. A petition to the same effect was also entrusted to Sir Robert Peel and communicated to H. M. Gov't. It is now proposed to ask Parliament for a salary for the Bishop. The Memorialists have fallen into an error when they speak of the inconsistency of H. M. Gov't in continuing to pay a salary to the R.C. Co-adjutor-Bishop of Quebec. It was explained that, when this clergyman succeeds to the R.C. Bishopric of Quebec, Parliament would not be asked for a vote towards the salary of that office. The only exception to the rule adopted in 1832 has been made in favour of the Protestant Bishop of Montreal.

(Public Archives of Canada, G. Series)

Megantic Co., L.C.: The Sec. of the S.P.G. to the Bishop: I have to inform your Lordship that the Society will grant five sums of £25 each towards the erection of new churches, at Upper Ireland, in the County of Megantic; and also in the **Gaspé District** at Cape Cove; and for completing three other churches already built in the Gaspé district. The Society has agreed to confirm the appointment of the Rev. Edw. Cusack to the Mission of Gaspé Bay and to date

the commencement of his salary from 1st Nov., 1837.

Shefford, L.C.: I am further to acquaint you that the Society is willing to grant a pension to the Rev. Mr. Salmon, provided your Lordship thinks it fit to recommend such a measure. (Sec. S.P.G. to Bishop Mountain, London, 7th March, 1838.)

Frampton, L.C.: Rev. Robt. Knight to the Bishop. When I came to Frampton (1836) there was no church fit for public worship, occasionally a clergyman came from Quebec for Divine Service. Congregation composed of different denominations. Now at West Frampton there is a Sunday School of 40 scholars; and the church has been made fit for Service, with an average congregation of 35, who join audibly in the Service. Communicants 20. Fortnightly Services held here. At East Frampton a church is being erected and will likely be ready next spring. Fortnightly Services held here in a private house for a larger congregation; and an afternoon Service held at Standon, 5 miles further. Once in the quarter I visit Cranbourne, congregation 20.

Frelighsburgh, St. Armand, L.C.: Rev. Jas. Reid to Sec'y of S.P.G., 13th July, 1838. The congregation continues to improve in numbers and piety but not so rapidly as I could wish. The troubles which the insurrection of last winter, now happily quelled, had occasioned were much felt. St. Armand, owing to our central position (between French Seigniories and American states, whither French refugees were resorting and from which they were ready to prey on us in armed bodies) was kept in a state of alarm. Notwithstanding, the Church has never been better attended. 66 communicants, 15 baptisms, 12 marriages.

Clergy Reserves: Lord Glenelg, Secretary for Colonies, Downing St., London, 12th March, 1838, to Sir John Colborne. He has received the despatches of the Earl of Gosford enclosing Bishop Mountain's two representations. One of these related to the claim of the Church of Scotland to participate in the Clergy Reserves Fund. Lord Glenelg read the letter with the respect due to every communication from the Right Reverend Prelate but without finding a motive for resuming the discussion respecting the exclusive claim of the Church of England to the Clergy Reserves. He has already fully explained to Lord Gosford the motives for assigning to the Church of Scotland the small income arising from this source. H. M. Gov't. intends to apply to Parliament for a larger grant for the support of the Church of England in the person of the Bishop. The other letter vindicated the conduct of the Clergy Reserves Corporation which was charged erroneously with mismanagement of the Reserves. (Public Archives, G. Series.)

Archdeacon Strachan: A 57-page pamphlet was printed in Cobourg, U.C., at the office of "The Church", containing letters to the Hon. Wm. Morris, being strictures on the correspond-

ence of that gentleman with the Colonial Office, Downing Street, as delegate from the Presbyterian body in Canada. (Copy in Public Archives.) To these letters the Hon. Wm. Morris, member of the Legislative Council, U.C., replied in a 54-page pamphlet, printed at the Scotsman office, Toronto (Copy in Toronto Public Library); and also the same gentleman addressed a 25-page letter to the Rev. Principal Macfarlane and Rev. Dr. Burns, on the subject of the Clergy Reserves (copy in University of Toronto Library).

Sault Ste. Marie, U.C.: Rev. F. A. O'Meara, after a short interval, succeeded Archdeacon McMurray who left the Indians at the Sault in 1838. He had been happy in his work and during his six years' residence amongst them had baptized 160 Indians of whom 40 became communicants. Mr. O'Meara remained at the Sault for two years and then removed to Manitowaning, paying periodical visits to Sault Ste. Marie. The reason for the Archdeacon's departure was because he had promised the Indians that the Govt. would build a village on the hill where the schoolhouse stood (near the present Great Northern Rd. and Borron Ave.). When a new Governor was appointed, he disregarded the promises made by his predecessor, and the Indians began to doubt the good faith of their missionary. (Centenary Number of Algoma Miss'y News.)



Diocese of Saskatoon

Since the New Year we have been enjoying exceedingly mild weather, and this has meant a very considerable saving of fuel and feed. Throughout the drought areas very considerable satisfaction is felt over the measures taken to supply food for those in need. The generous supplies of apples, vegetables and other foods from Eastern Canada and British Columbia have greatly relieved the distress, and have produced feelings of sincere gratitude.

Annual meetings have already been held in many of our parishes.

All Saints', Saskatoon. In preparation for this meeting, a mimeographed agenda was circulated at least ten days before the date, showing thirty-six items with the names of all officers who were to read reports. Under the breezy chairmanship of Professor R. M. Millman, all these items were disposed of within two and a half hours, and a very successful meeting resulted.

Christ Church, Paynton. The Archdeacon attended this meeting and was specially struck by the report of the work of the W.A. A small group of fifteen members raised no less than \$272.57 during the year.

St. Paul's, North Battleford, met under Rev. R. Willis. The Rector reported the formation of a branch of the Canadian Guild of Health, also a Second-Mile Club for Junior Young People, and a Chancel Guild.

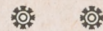
St. John's, Lloydminster. Canon J. F. Haynes presided over a well-attended meeting and reports showed the work well maintained in spite of a little financial shrinkage, owing to crop

failure. The president of the choir reported 26 members in each of the two choirs, junior and senior.

Saskatoon Ministers are following keenly the results of the Oxford and Edinburgh conferences and have arranged to meet every two weeks for the discussion of these reports.

Bishop Hallam is arranging for a Pre-Lenten Conference for the clergy of the diocese, to commence on February 22nd. Canon W. A. Ferguson, Principal of Emmanuel College, will give the Quiet addresses and other speakers will include Dr. J. S. Thomson, President of the University.

In view of the shortage of clergy in the diocese it has been necessary to employ the services of two students to fill vacant parishes. Mr. George Ball, of All Saints', Peterborough, is rendering splendid service in the parish of Paynton and Bresaylor, while Mr. Harry Greenhalgh of Emmanuel College, has just taken charge at Maymont. The vacancy at Cut Knife has been filled for the present by Canon Wright, who kindly offered to take care of it during the winter months.



Diocese of Brandon

The diocese has eight deaneries but some of their boundaries have been changed recently. Turtle Mountain now contains the parishes of Boissevain, Deloraine, Melita, Reston, Souris, Elgin, and Carrol. Tiger Hills contains Killarney, Cartwright, Belmont, Pilot Mound, Holland, Glenboro, and Somerset.

With the passing of Mrs. Badham of Stockton on December 1st, the clergy of the diocese and many others lost a kind warm-hearted friend. Her home, known as "The Roost", was a haven of rest and hospitality. Through her generosity, St. John's Church, Stockton, was built. She never missed a Service. On December 3rd that pretty little church was filled to overflowing when the Bishop and Rev. N. C. Smith of Winnipeg, a former rector, conducted the Funeral Service.

Through the kindness of Canon Felix Blakeston of Lincoln the clergy of the diocese will receive very shortly a copy of "A Way of Revival" issued by an Advisory Committee appointed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Venerable Archdeacon Gower-Rees, rector of St. George's, Montreal, will give a series of addresses at the synod which is to be held next June.

Captain Michael Ness, C.A., who has been stationed at Sheriddon and Cranberry Portage, has now been appointed Chaplain in the National Mills Lumber Camps and in the Construction Camps on The Pas highway.

Rev. W. J. Hunter, assistant travelling priest at Swan River, is in Brandon to perform itinerant duties for the next few weeks. Between Christmas Eve and January 2nd Mr. Hunter and Rural Dean Wilmot conducted twenty-eight Services in the Swan River Valley.

THE SCHOOL OF ENGLISH CHURCH MUSIC (CANADA)

Once again, Eastern Canada is to have a visit from the distinguished British church-musician, Dr. Sydney H. Nicholson, M.V.O., founder and director of the Empire-wide (and beyond) S.E.C.M. Just recently, the School celebrated its tenth anniversary, and few people could have foreseen (as Dr. Nicholson says in his address given in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey) "that within such a comparatively short time the ramifications of the S.E.C.M. would have extended not only all over England and Scotland but to almost every part of the English-speaking world—that we should have regular branches in Australia and Canada, and affiliated choirs in New Zealand, South Africa, Egypt, Uganda, Southern Rhodesia, Ceylon, Gibraltar, Jamaica, Malta, Singapore, and Trinidad, as well as a strong following in the U.S.A.

Perhaps, as Dr. Nicholson says, it was financially a leap in the dark and even those who sympathized "thought that we were slightly insane in embarking upon such an ambitious venture". But back of it all was a group of Churchmen and women headed by one whose experience of choirs and their problems was thoroughly practical.

We in Canada, somewhat out of touch with the Motherland in musical matters, have been slower to link up with this work but now that the full beauty of our Anglican Liturgy has been brought to us through the broadcasting of great events held in England's historic churches, Canadians are beginning to realize that anything will not do, for the Sunday Service, routine as it may sometimes seem.

So, next May, we welcome once more this man who had the courage, and ability, to set before the Church a great ideal and who, in ten short years, has seen it accepted throughout the Anglo-Saxon world as an ideal to be aimed for, even though to our sorrow we admit it still to be a little distant from us.

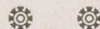
Arriving at Quebec City on Friday, May 13th, and visiting the affiliated choir of St. Matthew's Church, Dr. Nicholson then proceeds to Halifax where the Cathedral of All Saints and the choir of Trinity Church in the neighbouring town of Liverpool are affiliated. From there to Lennoxville where the Chapel Choir of Bishop's University is affiliated and then on to Montreal where the Churches of the Advent and St. George, and Grace Church are affiliated.

Then to the Capital City of Ottawa where, under the supervision of Dean Salmon, Diocesan Representative and Cyril Rickwood, Ottawa Representative, the Cathedral and the Pageant Choir of Ottawa, together with St. John's Church, Smith's Falls, will plan a busy week-end for May 21st-23rd. After Ottawa, he goes to the Diocese of Ontario with three affiliated choirs—the Cathedral at Kingston; Christ Church, Belleville; and St. Peter's, Brockville.

At Toronto a massed choir Festival in the University of Toronto Arena in which some eight hundred choristers from 20 choirs will participate, will culminate a week of religious music following upon the annual May Festival of secular choirs and orchestras. This week will

also include the annual summer school of Church Music. After Toronto, a trip will be made to Port Hope where a large gathering of rural choirs is being prepared for Saturday, May 28th, and then the week-end will be spent in Hamilton. Following will come visits to Brantford where the choirs of St. Luke and Grace Church are affiliated, to London where the Cathedral of Huron Diocese is linked up and finally to Windsor where the Churches of St. Mary, St. John and All Saints are affiliated. Some other affiliated choirs not on the main route will be visited if time permits.

These are definite points of contact that Dr. Nicholson will make but in several dioceses public gatherings under diocesan auspices are being prepared because of wide-spread interest in the work of the S.E.C.M. which is typified by the fact that there are ten times the number of affiliated choirs in Canada that there were when he came in 1934-35. Then they were scattered all across the Dominion as isolated groups which had made a slim contact with the movement. Today they are members of a recognized Canadian Church organization, established in fifteen dioceses.



Diocese of Ottawa

As this article goes to press plans are under way in this diocese for a big financial drive which is to take place during the week February 21-26. The object of this drive is to increase the capital account of our Diocesan Mission Fund by the sum of \$50,000.00. This appeal is being made by the Archbishop who is anxious to place the fund on a sound financial basis sufficient to ensure the continuance of adequate stipends for our missionary clergy, without incurring the annual deficits of recent years.

In order to place the missionary needs of our diocese before people's minds, a series of news bulletins entitled, "The Advancing Church", is being published. A copy of the first issue of this paper has already gone into every home in the diocese, and there are two more issues to follow. These papers depict in a graphic way the work being done in our diocese through the Diocesan Mission Fund and it is hoped that the facts thus presented will arouse a generous response from our people. Payments to this fund may be distributed over a period of three years.

The recent annual Dramatic Competition sponsored by the A.Y.P.A. Local Council was again a great success. Nine plays were presented at the Little Theatre, Ottawa, during the course of three nights, January 25-26-27. The competition was most ably arranged by a special committee of the Local Council, under the chairmanship of Miss Pearl Pearson of St. George's Church. The adjudicator was Mr. R. B. Farrell, Art, Music and Dramatic critic of the Ottawa Journal. The winning play was "Nellie McNabb" by Lois Reynolds, presented by Christ Church Cathedral A.Y.P.A. The second place was won by All Saints' A.Y.P.A., presenting "Sanctuary", and third place by St. Bartholomew's "Good Companions" who offered a very amusing one-act comedy entitled "The Bathroom Door".

Diocese of Toronto

Consecration of St. John's Church, Dixie, by Rt. Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, Primate of all Canada, marked the close of another chapter in the religious history of Peel County.

The church, built to replace another brick building destroyed by fire after it had been struck by lightning in 1924, is situated within a stone's throw of the old "Stone Church of Sydenham", where Anglican worshippers found a home early in the 19th century.

Following the Service of Consecration at which the speaker was the Very Rev. C. E. Riley, Dean of St. James' Cathedral, the mortgage was burned, little more than twelve years after the congregation agreed to assume a heavy obligation in order to rebuild the church razed by fire.

Services for the Church of England adherents in the Dixie district began as early as 1810, when the Anglicans, together with Baptists and Presbyterians, worshipped in the Stone Church at the intersection of the Dundas Highway and the first line east. The Stone Church was given for the use of the Protestant denominations of Toronto Township by a relative of the famous "Buffalo Bill" Cody, and it is recorded that, while St. Peter's Church of England at Erindale, then known as Springfield, was closed during the Mackenzie Rebellion, the Stone Church was kept open, although Services among the Anglicans were temporarily suspended for lack of a minister.

The first church built to house the Anglican congregation at Dixie, was constructed in 1837, when the congregation separated from the Presbyterians and Baptists. This church was replaced by a more substantial brick building in 1870, which was enlarged in 1922, two years before it was destroyed by fire.

Large numbers were turned away from both Services at St. John's Church, Norway, when the special occasion was the completion of 40 years' service by Rev. Canon W. L. Baynes-Reed, D.S.O., beloved rector of the parish. Most Rev. Derwyn T. Owen, M.A., D.C.L., Archbishop of Toronto and Primate of all Canada, was the preacher at the morning Service and Ven. Archdeacon J. B. Fotheringham in the evening.

Many laymen from Peel Deanery attended a week-end retreat for study held in Streetsville. The retreat opened with registration of those attending, who were welcomed by the Right Rev. A. R. Beverley, Suffragan Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto. Hugh B. Gilbert, of Mimico, presided.

The first year's operation under the freewill offering plan adopted by St. John's Church, Bowmanville, has ended with results much beyond the expectations of the parish as is shown in the following report:

"For what we believe to be the first time in the history of a Bowmanville Church, the entire givings to meet every expenditure of the church came from voluntary givings, without the aid of teas, suppers, concerts, cooking sales, picture shows, bazaars or rummage sales.

This fact was revealed at the Annual Vestry Meeting of St. John's Church, Mon-

day evening when reports showed that not only were all monies raised by voluntary contributions, but the church finished the year with a surplus of \$278.

It was a record-breaking year for St. John's in the literal sense of the word. Besides the record of voluntary giving, other new records included the largest Easter Communion in the history of the parish; the largest number of communicants during the year, in the history of the parish; the first time since 1928 that the mission allotment had been paid in full, despite the fact that the allotment was the largest ever assessed against the parish; and lastly, that all financing was carried out without any loan from the bank to meet current expenditures.

Givings for current purposes through the duplex envelopes increased by \$544.74 during the year, and givings for missions increased \$131.54."

Diocese of Edmonton

The New Year was ushered in by a midnight celebration of Holy Communion in the Cathedral Church of All Saints, the Bishop being the Celebrant and Preacher.

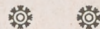
Rev. Canon Pierce-Goulding, who has been Rector of All Saints' Cathedral in Edmonton for the past 19 years, has resigned and accepted the Incumbency of St. Mark's Church, Plumstead, in the Diocese of Southwark, London, Eng.

His resignation takes effect February 1, 1938, and his successor has not yet been appointed.

The Rev. George Mackey, recently of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, has come to the Diocese and is in charge of the Parish of Breton, and district.

Rev. C. Storey has been appointed to the Parish of St. Mary's, Edmonton, together with St. Mark's Church, Edmonton.

Once more, thanks to the loyalty of the Clergy and people, the Diocese has been able to pay its apportionment to M.S.C.C. in full for the year 1937. This makes the twelfth year in succession that the Diocese has paid its apportionment to M.S.C.C. and to G.B.R.E. and to C.S.S. in full.



NEW PATHS

New Paths is the new title of the Report of the Council for Social Service of our Church. There are new features in the report such as information concerning social work done by other groups in the Church, examples and illustrations, etc., but the new approach is largely due to the new secretary who has just completed his first full year in office. Dr. Judd is bringing to bear on the social situation not only a keen insight into the social conditions, but also a broad humanitarian sympathy which will help to keep our Church's work progressing in the right direction. Those unacquainted with the work of the Council will be surprised at the varied activities mentioned in the report, and gratified at the apparent results thankfully acknowledged from many quarters. Every member of the Church should send for a report and learn of this important undertaking of our Church.

INCREASE YOUR INCOME

Here is a simple plan by which an organization or an individual in your parish can earn some extra money. It will also help us, for we want to increase the circulation of The Church Messenger.

This is our suggestion.

Select your person or get the co-operation of the Junior Bible Class or the Boys' Club or the A.Y.P.A. Send to us for free envelopes in which subscribers may enclose their subscriptions of 25c. each for The Church Messenger for one year. These envelopes may be placed on the collection plate. Then your agent may canvas the rest of the parishioners for subscriptions. Fifteen cents of the twenty-five cents is sent to us and ten cents for each subscriber remains in the parish.

The above plan will give someone an opportunity to make some money, but, more important still, it will circulate in your parish sound religious literature, thereby increasing your people's interest in the life and work of the Church. Each person will receive 240 pages of news, articles, etc., for the small sum of 25c. but the influence in the parish will be inestimable.

Lent is a good time to begin this paper. It is worth serious consideration.



Maritime Notes

A new church has been built in the city of St. John called All Saints' East St. John. Large congregations attended the recent opening ceremonies which lasted throughout a week and included the celebration of Holy Communion by the Archbishop of Fredericton.

Very striking were the words of an inscription carved on a memorial to a City Rector "who gave to this parish 38 years of faithful service". The late Canon R. P. McKim was rector of St. Luke's Church, St. John, N.B., and "Christ was his theme as a preacher—Christ was his

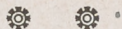
refuge as a sinner—Christ was his joy as a believer".

Old St. Andrew's (N.B.) renewed its youth by a mission conducted by the diocesan missionary Canon Clarke—or to use the official and historic title—Medley Memorial Canon.

Historic associations will be renewed in graphic form if the recent movement to publish a history of the Church of England in New Brunswick is successfully prosecuted. Archdeacon Cody, an author well-known to the Church, is to be the writer of the history which is to give the story of every congregation, with a list of rectors. This effort of the Diocese of Fredericton may result in other dioceses following suit. If so, Fredericton will deserve both honour and gratitude from the whole Church. It is a patent fact that the glorious deeds of pioneer clergymen and laymen, even their very names, are unknown, and only with the greatest difficulty can be known by those who seek information about the past days of the Church of England in Canada.

Nova Scotia, oldest diocese, is progressive. Pensions are no longer left at the mercy of haphazard offerings. Beginning with 1938, 7½% is clipped off each clerical stipend to provide a fund for pensions. Each clergyman pays 2½% of this premium out of his own pocket and the churchwardens pay 5% out of current receipts for parish expenses. In other words, clerical pension premiums and church insurance premiums are treated alike—both are bills to be paid. So long as clerical salaries remain at their present fairly low level, this plan is an equitable one.

Lunenburg, the famous port of the N.S. fishing fleet, is also a wide awake centre of Church life. The laymen of the nearby parishes have organized themselves to form a Laymen's Association, and at the first annual meeting the appropriate subject of parish finances was the theme of an address by the Rev. A. L. Gardner of Armdale.



"His Name is called The Word of God" Movement

STANDARD: Acceptance of The Atonement and belief in the abiding Spirit of Jesus in all who acknowledge Him as Saviour and Lord, and keep His commandments.

I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.—St. John 17: 23.

From all over Christendom today is ascending to the Eternal Father of us all a cry for Christian unity, a spiritual unity envisioned by Christ Himself, and which only God can create and bring to consummation. It is God's will that such unity shall exist in the universal Church here on earth, and extending beyond the veil into eternity. In this incomparable 17th chapter of St. John's Gospel, the Divine Son tells us plainly that it is His Father's will that *unity* should characterize His Church. And at the conclusion of this great prayer His plea is for the whole Church. Again, it is God's will that we should *love* one another, as He has loved us. Christ's love for us is to be the standard, though it cannot be the measure of our love for one another. The Master prays for the preservation and sanctification of those whom He has redeemed, and only as individual believers become divinely enlightened and live Christ-like lives will Christian unity be realized through the love of God which passeth knowledge.

The Rev. J. T. Robbins, M.A., is preparing a series of studies on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles for members of this Fellowship. Studies One and Two are available to members interested.

For details of Bible studies and information of the Fellowship write the Registrar, enclosing postage for reply, Mrs. F. G. H. Williams, 1434 King Street West, Parkdale, Toronto, Ontario.

congratulated on their splendid efficiency and dainty service in providing lunch.

Arrangements have now been made of the W.A. to meet every Thursday. The first meeting will be purely a business meeting; the second and fourth for sewing and social service work and the third Thursday in the month will be devoted to Missionary, Inspirational and Devotional Subjects, given by Dr. T. E. Rowe, Rector.

CHRIST CHURCH

The Rev. G. P. Gower

Lent

"I must have God. This life's too dull without,
To dull for aught but suicide. "What's man
To live for else . . . ?

To see blue skies, and hear God speaking
through

The silence of the stars. How is it proved?
How can you prove a victory before
It's won?"

Every one needs God, we all find life dull without Him; we all want to hear Him speaking through the beauty around us. But not everyone can be sure that it is His voice. Lent asks you to win the victory first. The victory against doubt. The victory against self. The victory against sin. Win the victory first, is the message of the forty days. Find at the heart of all things a friend, a reliable friend. Live life as though it were true and fling yourself recklessly upon it. Only that makes us sure that in the midst of death we are in Life Everlasting; confronted with Crosses we are looking on Love. You must have God.

Woman's Auxiliary: At the last meeting of the W.A. it was agreed to accept the responsibility of again raising \$350 as their Missionary Pledge. It has become increasingly difficult to do this in the past few years, and the immediate claims of the parish which carries heavy debts become stronger. The W.A. is to be congratulated on the spirit it has shown in giving this pledge.

Mrs. J. R. Scott kindly gave her home for a valentine tea and sale of home cooking. Despite the severity of the sudden cold the function received splendid support.

Junior W.A.: The J.W.A. under Mrs. Pocock and Mrs. Bellamy are working in full swing, studying for their oral and written examinations. There is a membership of 27 and everyone is intensely interested in their work. Later on they hope to present a missionary pageant and concert, the proceeds of which will be devoted to their pledges.

Sunday School: Someone had an inspiration and suggested that the Senior Sunday School invite the All Saints' Sunday School to an evening party. With moving pictures, games and lots of doughnuts and coffee everyone seemed to have a good time even if it was a little noisy.

On February 20th we were honoured with a visit from Mr. J. K. Smith of the Bible Society who spoke to both Sunday Schools about the experiences of the colporteur in China, who is maintained at his work by Edmonton help. We enjoyed listening to the account of this brave man and his wonderful work of spreading the Seed of the Word of God.

Woman's Guild: The Woman's Guild presented an ambitious but a very successful children's concert on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18th and 19th. A full house on both evenings enjoyed the most delightful programme we have had for sometime. The proceeds were devoted to the purchase of cassocks. Grateful thanks to all who worked so hard.

Student Christian Movement: The congregation had the privilege of hearing of the work of the S.C.M. on the occasion of the visit of Miss Mary Hope Simpson, Secretary of the U. of A. S.C.M., who spoke at the morning service on Feb. 20th. We hope to hear more of this movement later on.

Young Men's Club: The Young Men's Club is away to a good start. With "Buzz" Reid as president, John Elwell as treasurer and Wilbur Kirkpatrick as secretary we have a splendid executive. Our programme has included movies of scenes in other lands, a great talk from the Rev. W. Elkin. Next week we are going up the "Mighty Peace in a Canoe" with Mr. Laurie Blades from the Indian Residential School.

ST. PETER'S

The Rev. S. F. Tackaberry

Lenten Services: Wednesdays, at 8.00 p.m.: Devotion and Address.

Thursdays: Holy Communion as follows: March 3rd, 17th, 31st and April 14th, at 8.15 a.m. March 10th and 24th and April 7th, at 10.00 a.m.

The services at 8.15 are intended especially for communicants who attend High School, and for business people who have to be at work by 9 o'clock. The services at 10.00 a.m. are especially for mothers, after the children have gone to school.

Children's Lenten services on Tuesdays, at 4.15 p.m., directly after school.

Our best thanks go to St. Faith's A.Y.P.A., directed by Arthur Clough, and to the Christ Church Girls' Group, under Mrs. Gutteridge, who joined with St. Peter's A.Y.P.A. in presenting a delightful programme in St. Peter's hall. Assisting artists were Miss Enid Griffith and Mr. Ed. Carson. Mr. Donald Sims was chairman and Miss Betty Gutteridge, pianist.

St. Peter's pierrot troupe was the best ever this year. Besides two performances to capacity houses at St. Peter's the troupe visited three other centres. The loss of Mrs. Wm. Burnup will be greatly felt in this phase of parish activity.

The Welsh Choir which has given so much pleasure to music lovers of the city will present a programme in St. Peter's at an early date. Watch for the announcement which will appear in St. Peter's news—the enterprising publication which has recently appeared in this parish.

ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. Canon C. F. A. Clough

Lent. The season of Lent is once more with us. What use are we intending making of it? The Church in its Services of Worship and Meditations has one aim in Lent, namely, to lead her children through penitance to the Cross. Let us determine to use this season of the Church's year as a time of drawing nearer to God. Could we not resolve to come to make our Communion once a week during Lent. Why not try to come in early morning hours. It will take some little effort maybe. Do let us attend some of the Special Lenten Services. This season must be something more than dropping a few social functions; there must be some positive effort made to draw near to our Blessed Lord in His sorrow and anguish for our souls. Easter will be all the more joyful to us if during Lent there has been some soul searching on our part. Let us all strive to use this Lent as a time of drawing nearer the Christ. There will be a special Lenten Service each Wednesday at 8 p.m.

CHURCH MESSENGER

Lenten Services:

Sunday, 8.30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 8.00 p.m.

Thursday, 9.30 a.m.

Passion Sunday: April 3rd,

Confirmation Service, 7.30 p.m.

Young Women's Guild: During the past month we have organized a Guild for young women who are not attending the W.A. There are some thirty women not members of the W.A. There would appear to be a need for such an organization. They have been organized for worship, fellowship and service in and for the parish. The following officers have been elected: President, Mrs. B. Parkin; Vice-Pres., Mrs. A. Fairbrother; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. M. Pritchard. We wish them every blessing in their venture.

During the month a Guide Mother and Daughter Banquet was held in the parish hall. It was a great success and we sincerely thank Mrs. J. Hall and her committee for organizing the affair and Captain Thelma Dobson for her untiring efforts on behalf of the girls. Miss Frazer gave a most interesting talk to the girls on choice of a vocation which was deeply appreciated by all.

Marriages: Murial Bendle and Thomas Hamilton were joined together in Holy Wedlock. The both have been active members of the parish for years and we wish them every blessing in their married life.

Burials: Robert Wheatley, age 24 years of age. The death of Robert came as a great shock to all. He went through our Sunday School from the primary grade and made his contribution to the parish life through the Rovers. He was a fine fellow of sterling character. We extend to his sorrowing parents our deepest sympathy.

ST. STEPHEN'S

The Rev. J. C. Matthews

Sunday Services: 8.00 a.m., 11 a.m., 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School, 10.00 a.m.

Weekday Services: Holy Communion, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 8.00 a.m.;
Wednesday, 10.00 a.m.

Following the installation of our new heating system trouble from water condensation in the chimney developed, resulting in a disfiguring of the walls of the Chancel. The chimney has now been lined with metal. This, we hope, will prevent any further deterioration of the church fabric.

Six new choristers have been admitted to the choir. Throughout their preparation classes they have shown themselves very keen to learn all about the great privilege they have in working for the Church and giving their voices to God. They were admitted at a special service last week and solemnly vested with their surplices. Afterwards the boys were entertained as guests of their choir leader. Our grateful thanks to all who helped.

We are still without a permanent organist and choir master since Mr. Tucker left us to take a position at Halifax. We cannot afford to pay more than a nominal sum and organists appear to be rather scarce just now. Mrs. Swaffield is filling the gap most kindly and efficiently.

A very enjoyable evening was held by the choir and other members at the rectory on Thursday evening, January 13th, at a farewell tea for Mr. and Mrs. Tucker. A presentation of an initial fountain pen to Mr. Tucker and an eversharp to Mrs. Tucker was made by the president, Mrs. Swaffield. All joined in wishing Mr. and Mrs.

Tucker success and happiness in their new surroundings.

Good wishes from the parish go to Mr. and Mrs. Malone. The Horton family has had a long connection with St. Stephen's and there were many friends and relatives at the wedding service and the reception to extend to the newly married couple every wish for happiness in their new life together.

The Willing Workers have been very busy with various functions during the month. A whist drive was held on St. Valentine's day, the hostesses on this occasion being Mrs. Matthews and Mrs. Pridmore. On the evening of February 23rd Miss Moody entertained the members and friends, celebrating the second anniversary of the organization of the W.W.

Congratulations to Jack Sampson on being elected to the office of president of the A.Y.P.A. The only social affair being planned for Lent is a court whist and masquerade dance by the A.Y.P.A. on March 17th.

A letter was received from Fr. Lockyer in which he asked to be remembered to his old friends at St. Stephen's.

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION

The Rev. J. C. Matthews

At St. Matthew's Mission there will be two celebrations of Holy Communion each month this year—on the second and the fourth Sundays at 9.15 a.m.

The Sunday School is increasing in numbers and the W.A. continues in its good work. Sister Isabel has been a great help. The hall looks very nice now that the floor has been stained.

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

The Rev. J. C. Matthews

Many thanks to Mrs. Bennett who has looked after the church and parish hall for some considerable time. Her unselfish work is greatly appreciated. Mrs. Joseph Adams has been appointed caretaker in place of Mrs. Bennett who is unable to continue.

ST. MARK'S

The Rev. C. Storey

Services: Bible Class at 11 a.m.; Sunday School at 2 p.m.; Evensong at 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month at 9.30 a.m.

On February 6th a confirmation service was conducted by his lordship the Bishop of Edmonton, when six candidates received the laying on of hands. They were Mr. O. Kendrick, Joseph Scarborough, Anthony Scarborough, William Cawley, Irene O'Neill and Dorothy Parker.

It was a great pleasure to have with us the western secretary of the G.B.R.E., Rev. Harding Priest, who gave an inspiring sermon on the youth of today. In addition, Mr. Priest installed the new executive of the A.Y.P.A.: Thomas Hayden, president; Alfred Ostler, vice-president; Tom Paterson, secretary; Thelma Harms, treasurer. The Girl Guides under the leadership of Miss D. Griffith attended in a body.

W.A.: This organization held a Valentine party recently and the good turn out was much appreciated. Thanks are due to the ladies who assisted materially and financially. Several new members were welcomed to the organization.

A.Y.P.A.: This branch held its first social of

the season on January 25th and a good time and a good attendance was recorded.

Choir: The choir under the leadership of Miss Jessie Corlett is making good strides in anthem work. Several new members were welcomed at the last practice and a splendid season is now expected.

Dramatic Society: Great headway is being made in the production of the three act farce, "For Pete's Sake," to be played in the parish hall, March 11th, 12th and 19th.

The final drive is now on to clear off the mortgage on the vicarage and it is hoped to have the final payment cleared off by Easter.

ST. MARY'S

Services: Sunday School at 10 a.m., Matins at 11 a.m. Holy Communion at 11 a.m. first Sunday and 8 a.m. the third Sunday.

It is very gratifying to see the services of the Church so well attended and it is hoped that this will continue.

W.A.: A Valentine tea was held at the home of Mrs. Cuff and although the weather wasn't any too kind there was an excellent turnout and the turnover very gratifying. Thanks are due to the members for their untiring work in the supplying of clothing to the Social Service Committee.

Choir: The members are to be congratulated on their splendid turnout at practice and services. We have missed Mr. Sandilands who is ill but it is hoped that he will be back to his usual seat in the near future.

Sunday School: Mr. Anthony Ross reports splendid progress in all branches of the Sunday School and that new scholars are enrolling every Sunday.

Cubs: There will be a church parade by the Cubs on Sunday, March 6th, at 3 p.m.

A building fund has now been inaugurated by the vestry and there will be more specified details published in the next issue of the Church Messenger.

ST. PAUL'S, JASPER PLACE

The W.A. held a Valentine tea on February 16th. Receiving the guests were the president, Mrs. C. Bowie, and Mrs. J. H. Dallamore. Pouring tea were Mrs. W. Fleming, Mrs. R. H. Christie and Mrs. J. Murray. Mrs. A. F. Nicholls had charge of a table of home-cooking. Other members of the W.A. assisted in serving.

The choir met recently to organize for the present year. Officers elected were: President, Miss Alice Young; Sec.-Treasurer, Miss Effie Dallamore; Librarian, Miss May Johnson; Organist, Mrs. Ed. Panabaker. On February 10th the choir sponsored a very successful entertainment. Mr. Blythe kindly presented a very interesting series of pictures in technicolor: "From Edmonton to Florida." This was preceded by a program of musical numbers, dances and community singing. The choir plan to make this one of a series of monthly entertainments, the next to take the form of an Irish social evening and to be held on March 18th.

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ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The Rev. A. Elliott

The annual meetings of this parish were held at the end of January and first week in February, too late for insertion in the last issue.

At Leduc, the People's Warden, Mr. R. C. Young, reported a very satisfactory balance after all obligations were paid and no capital debts, this was very encouraging, especially in view of the fact that we have during the year lost six families from the congregation.

Wardens for 1938: Vicar's Warden, Norman Allin; and People's, R. C. Young. The Vestry elected were, Dr. C. B. Kidd, and Messrs. Moss, Roach and R. B. Robertson. A gratifying feature of the accounts was that stipend was more than covered by direct giving through envelopes.

The St. Paul's W.A., who also held their meeting in January, elected as president, Mrs. Elliott; vice-president, Mrs. Roach; secretary, Mrs. Ed. Wilkinson; and treasurer, Mrs. Allin. Though membership was small a very good year's report was presented and much financial and other help had been given to the church during the twelve months.

ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

The Rev. A. Elliott

A very happy gathering was present at the annual meeting of St. John's Church. For the first time for many years a balance sheet was read which showed no debts of any kind. We congratulate the People's Warden, Mr. R. C. Chapman, on this result, and tender our grateful thanks to the W.A. through whose generous gift such a good result was possible. If all our families will take envelopes—there are still some over—and give generously, as they are able, throughout the year, all the worrying of financing St. John's will be over. Will you think this out or talk it over with Wardens or Vestry?

The following officers were elected for 1938: Vicar's Warden, Frank Dixon; People's Warden, and Sec.-Treasurer, R. H. Chapman. The Vestry: Messrs. Mitchell, Bear, Heslop, Clarke, Day, and Darlington.

The W.A. elected the following officers for 1938: President, Mrs. Heslop; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Plant; Secretary, Mrs. Brinker; Treasurer, Mrs. Thorn; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Frank Dixon. A fine year's report was given, the best for many years and a spirit of optimism for 1938 was very apparent.

The Millet A.Y.P.A. were entertained on Monday, 21st February, at Leduc, by the local branch. This was an innovation in the parish but one which was much enjoyed. We hope there will be more meetings of this kind in future.

At the dramatic contest held by the A.Y.P.A. the Leduc members were successful in obtaining a high place among those taking part and in addition Miss Betty Loggin gained the cup for the best lady actress.

IMMANUEL, WETASKIWIN

The Rev. W. M. Nainby

February has proved a very cold month, but with a most welcome warm spell towards the end. The

cold weather brings home the need for more adequate heating in our church, and all being well we hope to do something towards this end in the spring, and thus ensure a warmer church for another winter.

The Vestry met for the usual monthly meeting at the home of Mr. Manley. We appreciate these meetings not only for the general interest displayed in the church but also the friendship and fellowship manifested on every hand. A tentative budget was presented, and the Rector was asked to outline the financial position of the church for the benefit of all parishioners at the service, in the near future.

The congregation met after Evensong on Feb. 20th for refreshments and a social hour in the parish hall. A large number were present.

The Woman's Auxiliary now meets once each month, and the February meeting took place at the home of Mrs. Manley. The W.A. has a large membership of enthusiastic workers, which augurs well for the future. The Rector gave a paper at the close of the business meeting. Plans were made for an entertainment in the hall on Feb. 23rd. This was very well patronized, and much enjoyed by all, whilst of great help financially.

The Sanctuary Guild met at the home of Mrs. S. Cole. Arrangements were made for a tea in the near future to be held at the home of Mrs. Cole. The Sanctuary Guild hopes to provide kneelers for the communion rail as a special gift to the church for Easter.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

The Rev. W. M. Nainby

The Vestry of St. Mary's met for the usual monthly meeting in the parish hall. Mr. Potts presented a budget for the year, and also a statement of probable revenue. It was decided that a committee be formed to establish a Building and Property Fund to take care of any repairs or improvements in the future.

The Woman's Auxiliary met in the parish hall for the regular meeting, with Mrs. F. Stretch and Mrs. W. J. Young as hostesses. It was decided to hold a congregational court whist drive and social evening. This proved a decidedly cold night, but the social was most enjoyable in every way.

The A.Y.P.A. meets regularly each Monday. Several of the members attended the annual conference held in Edmonton, and returned with renewed interest and ideas. The A.Y. also sponsored a congregational social evening which was very well attended, and much enjoyed.

A Girls Bible Class has now been started, and meets under the leadership of Mrs. Nainby, on Sunday mornings in the rectory, when there is no Sunday morning service in church.

The Junior W.A. meets each Friday, and are busy with their Scrap Books and Memory Work.

A regular monthly communion has been arranged by the Rector for the benefit of some of the patients at the Mental Hospital.

ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

W.A.: On Friday, 11th February, we had a Valentine tea at the home of Mrs. Rolsted. Everything looked charming, and we were glad to welcome those who came. There was a feeling of disappointment, however, due to the scarcity of our own church members. Thank you, Mrs. Rolsted, and those others who helped in any way, and to Mrs. Ness for lending her house for a card party.

Altar Guild: So many beautiful things are done

silently, and perhaps we take them for granted, as we do the sunset, and spring, and God's love. But may we here express our visible appreciation to those who, in the past, have so faithfully fulfilled this service, and to those who are doing it now! He is a Kingly Host.

Sunday School: We were sorry to lose Mrs. Slight as our superintendent, she filled the position nobly.

Mr. "Mel" Ford stepped into the breach. I wonder is there a finer thing than to see a young man take on a "job" like that in this day and age! Mel did, without quibbling and with the simplicity that is sublime. We respect him greatly.

The Sick: To those who are sick, we send affectionate greetings. The same Everlasting Father Who cares for you today, will take care of you every day: for "Lo, I am with you alway."

To those in the country whom we cannot get to see because of drifted roads, we think of you often and give God thanks "for every remembrance of you."

ALL SAINTS', LOUGHEED

The Rev. J. R. Burrows

The annual congregational meeting was held at the home of Mr. Kirkman on Tuesday, January 25. Wardens elected were: Mr. J. Wright, Vicar's Warden, and P. Barton, People's Warden.

In spite of crop failures and loss of a large number of families, reports showed all obligations met and apportionments paid up. We look forward to another successful year.

ST. GEORGE'S, KILLAM

The Rev. J. R. Burrows

The annual meeting was held on January 11th, at the home of Mr. McEwan. Wardens elected: Mr. Neely, Vicar's Warden; Mr. Haywood Smith, People's Warden.

Reports showed a successful year with all obligations met.

A very successful tea was held at the home of Mrs. Walters, in aid of the Chinese Relief Fund. The sum of six dollars was realized.

ST. JOHN'S, SEDGEWICK

The Rev. J. R. Burrows

The annual congregational meeting was held at the vicarage on January 26th. Reports show a successful year with all obligations met and a good balance to start the year 1938. Mr. Leah was elected Vicar's Warden, and Mr. H. Garcoyne, People's Warden.

A Girl Guild Troop is being organized under the capable guidance of Mrs. C. R. Smith.

A Valentine tea was held February 9th at the home of Mrs. C. R. Smith, in aid of the Chinese Relief Fund, when the sum of eight dollars was raised.

Under the splendid superintendence of H. Garcoyne the Sunday School is forging ahead with 25 pupils and four teachers. Thanks are extended to Eunice Haynes for offering her services as organist and teacher.

ST. MARK'S, HARDISTY

The Rev. P. Disney

It has been encouraging lately to see some of our country members in church of a Sunday evening. The bitterly cold wather of the past few weeks kept them away for several Sundays; but they have come back again. There are very few church

families in the country living within reasonable distance of St. Mark's, but it is to be desired that all our families will think of St. Mark's as their parish church, and come to worship in it as opportunity offers.

W.A.: The W.A. are already starting to work towards next November's bazaar. That is the right spirit; if we are to achieve much, we must look ahead. The W.A. have undertaken to pay the insurance on the church—an offer which has relieved the Vestry of some of their financial worry.

Sunday School: The Sunday School held a tea and sale of home cooking in the Red & White Store, by kind permission of Mr. Ruttan, on the afternoon of Saturday, February 12th. Sufficient money was raised to take care of the annual picnic next summer. Another example of making provision in advance.

A.Y.P.A.: On Tuesday, February 15th, the Young People held a Valentine party in the vicarage, playing table tennis and games of various kinds, staging an impromptu "amateur hour," and serving a copious lunch.

Choir: The Choir is being augmented by the addition of several more male voices, elder boys and men. This should be a great help to our worship. We hope the congregation will give this increased choir the encouragement they deserve. To the choir members we owe a lot for their giving of time and effort.

Vestry: The Vestry held their first meeting of the year on February 22nd. Unfortunately, only a few members could be present, but they got to business to approve a scheme submitted by the chairman, by which it is hoped to pay off the arrears still owing from 1936, by Easter.

Lent: Lent has begun; and we hope all our people will utilize this solemn season for deepening their spiritual life. During the Monday evenings in Lent, short devotional services will be held at 8 o'clock, at which a series of addresses on "The Cross and Passion," will be given. The first of these services will be on March 7th. The Sunday evening sermons will be a series of talks on "The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer Life."

HOLY TRINITY, HUGHENDEN

The Rev. P. Disney

Annual Meeting: At the annual meeting held on January 30th, Mr. Ormrod announced that, owing to increased pressure of business, which necessitated extended periods of absence from the parish, he found it necessary to resign his office of People's Warden. It was with regret his resignation was accepted, for Mr. Ormrod has faithfully fulfilled his duties for a number of years.

Some difficulty is being experienced in finding a new Warden. There are only one or two adult communicants, male members of the church being in the village. Most of our men live some miles in the country, and in a winter like this cannot get into Hughenden during several months of the year. So we are in rather a quandary. However, Mr. Lawley has been asked to take over the duties temporarily; and after Easter, the whole matter will be reconsidered, with the country members present.

Mr. Betts was re-appointed Vicar's Warden. Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Parke were elected as lay-delegate and substitute-delegate to Synod, and the Vestry was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Lawley and Mrs. Whitehead.

W.A.: The W.A., which is very small, is working hard. The ladies are planning an apron tea—a tea at which aprons will be sold—at Easter.

'Teen-Age Club: Mr. Disney hopes to form a 'Teen-Age Club, membership to be comprised of young people still in their teens. It is hoped that such an organization will fill a gap in church and community life. Those interested in the plan are invited to meet in the vicarage at 8 o'clock on Friday evening, March 11th.

Lenten Services: Will church members please notice the arrangements for **Lenten Services?** On the Wednesday evenings in Lent, at 8 o'clock, devotional services will be held, at which there will be a series of addresses on "The Cross and Passion." This is, apparently, a new thing in Hughenden, as mid-week services do not seem to have been held in Holy Trinity before. But it is earnestly hoped that church folk will take this season of Lent as a time for deepening their spiritual character and disciplining their lives; and that they may find these Wednesday evening services a means of spiritual growth. We hope to see all church people attend, who possibly can. The first service will be Ash Wednesday, March 2nd.

Then on the Sunday mornings in Lent there will be a series of sermons on "The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer-Life."

May we all, during this solemn season, increase in devotion to God.

Rural Deanery of Jasper

ST. MARY'S, JASPER

THE REV. R. E. BRADSHAW

By the time this issue reaches you Lent will have begun. May I remind you how very necessary it is that Lent should be rightly observed. It is a time for Spiritual re-adjustment man needs from time to time to come apart from the absorbing affairs of the day and to take stock of himself just to see where and how he stands with God. It is not, as we so often think, how God stands with us, but rather how we stand with God. Surely there is a time coming when that is all that will matter. All of us are subject to spiritual strain, which will end in a complete breakdown, unless we take time for re-adjustment. A complete overhauling of our spiritual position will reveal to us how very precarious that position is when viewed in the light of God's Standard of requirements.

Let your watchword be this Lent, Spiritual re-adjustment; remember, it is God that matters. In the beginning God. In the present God. At the end God.

A visitation of Influenza in the parish has greatly militated against the attendance at the Sunday services. Fortunately the epidemic has abated. It has been physically impossible to visit all cases, and I take this opportunity of extending to all sick people my good hopes for their speedy recovery.

Annual Congregational Meeting: The annual meeting was held in the Parish Hall on January 31st, with a fair number in attendance. Reports of the past year's activities were presented by heads of the various departments and proved encouraging. We are glad to have a small balance on hand after meeting all obligations. Thanks are due to all who have worked and contributed so as to make this possible. The following were elected to serve during the year 1938: Vicar's Warden, Mr. W. Bryden; Peoples' Warden, Mr. W. Coupland; Vestry, Messrs. J. B. Snape, D. B.

Mahood, H. A. King, Ed. White, G. Maguire, J. Woodworth, Mrs. F. A. Jackman and Mrs. N. Nunn; Lay Delegates, Messrs. Snape, Bryden, Coupland.

A canvass of the parish will soon be made for the purpose of adding new names to the list of subscribers through the envelope system. A committee has been formed to handle this matter. Mr. Bryden, Mr. White, Mr. Mahood. Please give this your earnest consideration.

W.A.: Regular meetings have been held at the homes of Mrs. Horsfall and Mrs. Nunn. The Vicar is reading H. V. Morton's delightful book, "In the Steps of the Master," at the second meeting of each month.

A very happy event took place on Saturday, February 26th, when Mrs. W. Bryden, past president of St. Mary's W.A. was presented with a life membership pin in appreciation of many years faithful service. The vicar of the parish made the presentation and extended to Mrs. Bryden the good wishes of the W.A. members and of the parish at large.

Lenten Services: Ash Wednesday, Holy Communion, 10.15 a.m.; Devotional Evensong at 8 p.m. Wednesdays during Lent Devotional Service in the old church at 8 p.m. Special courses of Sermons each Sunday morning and evening.

Baptism: Anita Florence Watt, January 27th.

MAYERTHORPE AND DISTRICT

THE REV. W. deV. ANGUS HUNT

Lent is with us, and most of us enjoy the deep-toned Lenten hymns. But does their message reach beyond the ear? Does it touch the heart and will? Are we going to do anything about it, make any real sacrifice as a thanksgiving for Jesus' sacrifice? Here is a suggestion. Last summer many children enjoyed at Kapasiwin their first and only holiday, through the generosity of individual parishoners and parish organizations. Will you make a self denial this Lent in the form of an offering to help some child to have a holiday?

Lenten Services will be held in St. Luke's Church, Mayerthorpe, every Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.

The excellent set of slides on the Coronation, loaned by the University Extension Department, is being extensively used throughout the district in an effort to raise funds in aid of the Chinese War victims.

The past month has been one of coughs and colds and many empty pews "when winter winds blew wild." One old lady of nearly seventy years, however, walked in about five miles on a bitterly cold day to attend a service at a remote rural point. Would there were more like her!

Confirmation classes are now being held weekly in Mayerthorpe and Greencourt. The Vicar would be glad to hear from any parishioners in the outlying districts who would like to be prepared for Confirmation.

A Church Committee to deal with certain proposed alterations to St. Mary's Church (Sangudo) was appointed at a congregational meeting held in the Vestry on February 23rd. Plans were discussed also for the beautifying of the church grounds. The financial standing of the church indicates an increasing interest and enthusiasm amongst the members of the congregation, which is most welcome.

St. Luke's W.A. held a party recently at the home of Mrs. Moore, partly to help the financial situation along, but also to enjoy a jolly good

social after months of business meetings. If it is true that laughter makes people fat the results of the party should be truly alarming!

EDSON AND ST. PAUL'S MISSION

THE REV. T. J. MATTHEWS

Lent

"If we have lost Thee in the crowded ways,
Left Thee at some sharp, unexpected turn,
If the day's clamor drowned the note of praise,
And night found dim the light that we should burn,

Now let us pause awhile, and, standing still,
Wait for that voice, that step which we have known,

Lest we should find, forgetful of Thy will,
How utterly a man may walk alone."

The W.A. were unable to hold their Bridge and Whist Drive this month, but have done their best to make up for the financial loss involved by collecting donations from their members and others. May we note the fact that our erstwhile so active member, Mrs. Layng, has been confined to her bed now for a whole year, following her accident; probably no one who has not had some similar experience can quite realize what such inactivity means. She is always bright and cheerful, but we imagine would welcome letters or magazines or anything which might break the inevitable monotony of the days.

The members of the Girls' Auxiliary conducted a tea very successfully on the 12th of this month. Fortunately for their fine efforts, in spite of wretched weather, the tea was well attended. Mrs. Tucker has been giving them a course of talks on Church Furnishings, Vestments and Prayer Book, and this week, instead of a meeting, they enjoyed some lantern slides.

The Junior Girls have been taken over by Miss Thomas, of the Edson school staff, as Mrs. Jeffery and Miss Hardwick found they were unable to continue with the work. It is always difficult to re-organize after any branch of activity has suffered a slight lapse, but the girls are much to be congratulated on their new leader.

Fifteen members of the A.Y.P.A. attended the conference in Edmonton at the week-end, with the Rector, Mr. T. J. Matthews. Those who attended the Summer School last year, particularly enjoyed "Kapasiwin Calling," on Friday night. Sightseeing and group discussions occupied all of Saturday, ending up with a banquet and dance at the Corona Hotel. Our Edson members were very pleased to renew their acquaintance with the Rev. A. H. Priest, who visited us before Christmas. There was a Corporate Communion on Sunday morning at All Saints', and the final session of the Conference took place in the afternoon. Various events occurred which were not on the official programme, and we are very grateful to all those who lent a hand when Bill Wood fell ill, and the Rector's car was spirited away. The only shadow on an otherwise pleasant and profitable expedition is the illness of two of our members, to whom we wish a speedy recovery.

In spite of its apparent expense, the Sunday School is very thankful to have installed the G.B.R.E. system, which is proving a most valuable aid in this important work. I know one Sunday School teacher who was devoutly thankful for a remark made by one of her small boys last Sunday: "Is the time up already? Gosh, the time's gone

quickly." Anything which helps to interest the children in their Sunday lessons can never be really expensive.

There was one burial in January, on the 28th—Thomas Hurbert. May his soul rest in peace.

At this time of the year, of course, our thoughts begin and end with Lent, and we begin to set up our lives afresh against that "infinite background, which," as the Rev. Studdart Kennedy expressed it, "we must have if civilization is to be saved."

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. A. WALLIS

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. E. Malcolm on Thursday, February 3rd, at 2.30 p.m. A Bridge and Whist was arranged to take place in the Institute Rooms on Thursday evening, February 17th, at 8.30 p.m. A discussion took place on the Church Apportionment, W.A. Pledges, etc., and the meeting was notified that the first quarter of the church apportionment had been sent in. The next W.A. meeting will take place at the home of Mrs. A. Wallis on Thursday, March 3rd, at 2.30 p.m.

The Junior W.A. held meetings on Friday, January 27th, and Thursday, February 10th, in the church, immediately after school, and at the home of the leader, Mrs. J. W. Robinson, on Saturday, February 5th, at 2 p.m. The juniors purchased materials for the making of four screen windows for the church, which will be installed as soon as weather permits. Mr. Robinson kindly made the windows. They will certainly supply a long felt need during the hot summer months.

The thanks of Holy Trinity are also extended to Mr. Robinson for the gift of a new hymn board. It is certainly a fine piece of workmanship, and with the delicate fretted work, must have necessitated much patience and many long hours in the making. Thanks, Mr. Robinson! It is another addition to the beauty of our little church.

The Choir have commenced work on a number of new anthems, some of which are especially suited to Easter. It is best to begin early, as there will be difficulty of having full attendance at the practices as soon as the frost begins to come out of the ground.

Those interested in dramatics have decided to stage a play entitled "The Road Back." This will be produced (D.V.) immediately after Easter. The books have already been sent for.

Holy Matrimony—February 1st, Clarence Everett Burk White and Ruby May Hillman at St. Peter's, Ardrossan.

ST. THOMAS', WAINWRIGHT

THE REV. P. A. RICKARD

The W.A. held a sale of home cooking on February 12th which proved very successful.

The delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Diocesan Board of the W.A. to be held in Edmonton are Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Milner.

The choir met in the Vicarage on February 11th when the following officers were elected for 1938: Patron, Rev. P. A. Rickard; President, Mr. Lissimore; Vice-President, Mr. Wear; Secretary-

Treasurer, Miss E. E. Hart; Librarian, Mrs. Milner and Mr. A. Adams.

The A.Y.P.A. held their annual valentine dance with fair success owing, no doubt, to the roads being blocked. The President, Mr. E. Smith, is representing the Wainwright Branch at the A.Y.P.A. Rally.

Marriage—Lelia Viola Sheppard to Roland James Wilkins, both of Wainwright, on February 12th.

ST. MARY'S, EDGERTON

THE REV. A. LOVE

The annual meeting of St. Mary's W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Tom Shaw. The officers elected for this year are: President, Mrs. Tranmer; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Sawyer; Treasurer, Mrs. Aylesworth; Secretary, Mrs. S. Pawsey. The books show a nice balance to start the year.

The annual parcel of Dorcus work was discussed and the members are now working on a quilt for that purpose.

Marriage—St. Mary's Church, January 28th: Clinton Melvin Davis and Violet May Smith, both of Heath.

Burials—January 26th: Lois Clara Burbidge, aged 74 years. February 4th: Lucy Moore, aged 74 years.

The Rural Deanery of Vermilion

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

THE REV. CANON W. LEVERSEDGE

According to a well known proverb, "All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy," and it may have been with this in mind that a social evening was arranged for former and present members of the Vestry and their wives, if any, on Friday evening, February 25th, but as the affair progressed there was little evidence of any dullness, on the part of "The Jacks" or the "Jills" either.

Those responsible had decided that the evening was to be different. No cards, no formality, just wholesome recreation and good fun.

So imitating a well known Radio Programme, we indulged in—no, not "Guess What"—but Guess Who? A game which consisted in discovering the names of many of those present, under strange disguises.

Then we were challenged to complete certain Jingles, which had as their motive, the exploits—real, or imaginary—of well known members of the Vestry. Here the talents and versatility of those present found full scope, to the great delight of all, and not least of those who found themselves the inspiration of such poetic effusions. Other games followed, and then came a "Sing Song" under the capable leadership of Tommy, with W. M. G. officiating at the piano. One had not realized until then how much talent vocal and otherwise had been lying hidden somewhere or other, certainly it should be reported to the choir-master, who unfortunately was prevented from being amongst those present. The Action Song, as performed by "The Jills," after a similar exhibition by the "The Jacks," left nothing to be desired. Next came coffee, sandwiches and cake, provided as is usual by the ladies, and with

the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" came the close of a most successful evening.

Now, of course, the proverb must be reversed, and in the spirit of good fellowship, which marked the evening, comes the serious effort to overtake the sterner responsibilities of the church in this Parish and Mission.

W.A.—Senior and Junior Branches, are faithfully carrying on, meetings being very well attended and the interest in the Study Book being quite keen. The Juniors are to have the slides illustrating their Study Book shown to them on Ash Wednesday.

Holy Matrimony—February 9th: Ronald Sidney Barwick and Grace Elizabeth Williams. February 14th: Kenneth Floyd Scoggins and Olinda Manz.

**CLANDONALD, LANDONVILLE,
IRWINVILLE**

THE REV. R. S. FAULKs

We are happy to report good annual meetings in all three parishes. At Christmas time, and on through the cold weather, services have been very well attended and at all points a fair proportion of young people are present.

Friends of Irwinville parish will be glad to know that plans for the church have been forwarded to the Executive Committee of Synod for approval. Parishioners hope to begin construction this summer, so that a much looked for place of worship will soon be theirs.

Monday, February 21st, the people of Clandonald parish prepared a kindly welcome for Mrs.

Faulks, who recently arrived in Clandonald, as the vicar's bride. A generous purse was presented at the conclusion of the evening, for which Rev. and Mrs. Faulks thank the people very sincerely.

At Landonville another welcome was extended Mrs. Faulks. Parishioners expressed their kindness by a very handsome shower of useful gifts. The Vicar and his wife wish to thank these friends very kindly for their tokens of goodwill, and to friends in all three parishes, their gratitude and appreciation goes for so many expressions of kindness and love.

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